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MAJOR GOVT Shanghai's New Look



A division of Nationalist Chinese soldiers is shown marching along the Bund in Shanghai. As the Red Army moves closer to the Whangpoo, Metropolitan military activity is observed. The city was recently placed under martial law.—(AP Photo).

Rumours On Future Of Dr T.V. Soong

Canton, November 18.
Rumours about the future of Dr. T. V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung, have again cropped up here.
The latest speculation is that Dr. Soong is to be sent to the United States on "urgent business" on behalf of the Chinese Government—business generally believed to be in connection with further and speedier military aid for China.
Speculation as to Dr. Soong becoming China's Premier has been revived. The probability of such an appointment is thought to have been strengthened in view of the possibility of the Central Government shifting its Canton—Dr. Soong's "home ground." In the event of such an appointment it is believed that General Yu Han-ming, one-time military chief in Kwangtung, will take over Dr. Soong's vacated post.—Reuter.

U.S. Imports To China Show Drop

Washington, November 18.
U.S. imports from China exceeded American exports to that country in September by \$1,000,000.
This was reported by the U.S. Census Bureau yesterday in a breakdown of September shipments. In that month, total exports dropped to a two-year low of \$921,000,000.
The Bureau said shipments to China dropped more than 50 per cent, falling from 19,000,000 in August to 7,700,000 in September. China's shipment to the U.S. totalled 8,700,000.
U.S. exports to Russia dropped to \$100,000. Exports to Western Europe declined to about 300,000,000 and imports rose to 70,000,000. Exports to Eastern Europe dropped to slightly more than 12,000,000 and imports exceeded 13,000,000.
The decline in exports to Marshall Plan countries in Western Europe has been taking place in the face of increasing shipments paid for by U.S. grant and loans.
Russia showed no signs of retaliation for American refusal to ship industrial and other goods that might add to Soviet war potential.
Manganese and chrome shipments from Russia dropped to slightly more than 2,000,000, but the decline in these strategic materials was made up by an increase in fur shipments.—Associated Press.

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VICTORY REPORTED Red Columns Intercepted On Their Way To Hsuehchow S'HAU LABOUR UNREST

Nanking, November 18.

The Nationalist headquarters at Hsuehchow, in a special communique issued at dawn today, claimed another major victory in Pantangchen, seven miles South East of Hsuehchow, according to the Central News Agency.

This followed immediately an announcement by the military spokesman here at today's press conference that Government troops gained control of the whole stretch of the railway South of Hsuehchow. He said, however, that train traffic between Hsuehchow and Pongpu had not yet resumed because many sections of the rail track were destroyed by the Communists.

The Hsuehchow headquarters special communique said the battle in Pantangchen started at midnight last night when General Chiu Ching-chuan's army group intercepted five Communist columns which drove towards Hsuehchow in an effort to relieve Government pressure on the retreating Communists in the Nienchuang area 33 miles East of Hsuehchow.

The communique said the battle ended at four o'clock this morning in a total Communist defeat, with the Reds suffering 20,000 casualties.

Meanwhile, another Government army group joined in what is officially described as an annihilation campaign around Nienchuang against General Chen Yi's Communists. The 13th army group, under General Li Mi, formerly deployed North of Hsuehchow, is now closing in on the Communists in Nienchuang from the West.

Pro-government reports said the bulk of General Chen Yi's men in Nienchuang already escaped safely to Tairachuang, Pihien and Tancheng within 40 miles North and North East of Nienchuang.

Three Communist columns were left behind to cover the Communist retreat. Government troops are closing in against the three columns from three sides.

Another report said today a small Nationalist force from Hsuehchow made a moonlight raid

Strike Threats

War harassed Shanghai meanwhile, was today threatened with widespread strikes as the city's one million workers' resentment over what they consider a totally unrealistic cost of living index issued by the Municipal authorities three days ago, grew.

Disputes over this index, which was set at 8.1 times higher than the last figure issued in mid-August and on which wages are paid—have already paralysed the Shanghai silk industry, one of the largest employers of labour, and are threatening to spread to textile mills and the maritime work-

Alleging that the index fails to reflect the true position of the recent price spiral, labour generally is demanding that its mid-month pay for November be doubled. In an effort to placate the all-powerful Shanghai Labour Union, the Social Affairs Commissioner, Mr. Wu Kai-shen, whose bureau is responsible for compiling the index, today approved the workers' request that repayment of advances made by employers last month be postponed to ease the workers' financial strain.

At the same time, however, he claimed that the index is based on factual and painstaking investigation and appeal to labour and management to maintain their past spirit of co-operation and avoid wage disputes in the present national crisis.

Few Leaving

Despite the war threat, growing labour strike and chaotic economic situation, a comparatively small number of Shanghai foreigners are registering for evacuation at their respective consulates, it was learned today.

British, French, Philippines and Portuguese consular authorities all revealed that only a few members of their communities have hitherto expressed their definite desire to quit.

Meanwhile, a United States troops transport arrived in Shanghai from Taingao this afternoon for the evacuation of Americans and she is expected to be followed on Friday by the ss. General Butler which is said to have a capacity for more than 1,000 persons.

United States consular officials estimate that about one third of the 3,000 old Shanghai Americans will go.

As a first step, Dr. Danche called on the seven Arab States and Israel in separate letters to begin immediately the Holy Land armistice negotiations ordered by the Security Council.

Dr. Danche told the Arabs and Jews that their interests would be best served by direct negotiations. But in his letter he held himself ready to serve as go-between for starting the discussions which the Security Council on Tuesday said must lead to speedy and permanent end of all fighting in Palestine.

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CKR To Use Armoured Vanguards

Canton, November 18.
As a protective measure the Canton-Kowloon Railway authorities are contemplating the use of armoured car vanguards for the distance from Canton to Shumchun.

It is expected that this measure will be put into effect soon.

As another protective measure the railway authorities have fixed Shekling station, three-fifths of the way along the Kowloon-Canton line, as the sectional terminus.

Guards, supplemented by armoured cars, are to patrol the line both along the Northern and Southern sections of Shekling. The report adds that martial law will be declared in the district after the last evening train is through and that those who contravene the law during that period do so at their own peril.—Reuter.

General De Gaulle On Marshall Plan

Paris, November 18.
Charles de Gaulle declared today that the Marshall plan must not be allowed to displace "the essential interests of France."

The wartime resistance leader, whose party has moved into a strategic position in the Upper House of Parliament, questioned the recent decision of the American and British military governments to return control of Ruhr industries to German trustees.

He renewed his insistence that the defence of France must not be controlled in England.

The Communist party should be outlawed if it is true, as the Government charges, that the Cominform has been financing French strikes, he said.

The General spoke at a news conference which was prompted by the success of his French People's Party in capturing more than 40 per cent of the council of the Republic. The Council has only an advisory capacity, but by refusing to approve National Assembly measures, can force the Assembly to vote on them a second time when an absolute majority is needed to make them law.

Considering the present division in the Assembly, these absolute majorities are hard to get.

Colony's Rice Welcomed

Shanghai, November 18.
The unloading of the first emergency shipment of 1,000 tons of rice from Hong Kong under ECA China aid programme, was welcomed today by local dignitaries, including Mayor K. C. Wu, the United States Ambassador, Dr. Stuart, and Mr. Rodger D. Lapham, chief of the China aid mission.

Mayor Wu, speaking at a ceremony marking the arrival of the Hong Kong rice, expressed gratification for British and American co-operation and said that with the accelerated flow of imported rice to this city, the rice crisis has become a thing of the past.

Mr. Lapham, in reviewing the ECA's part in helping to feed China since the ECA started its Chinese undertaking, pointed out that the rice unloaded is one of the first emergency shipment of ECA food to China since.

He lauded Jardines for doing a difficult shipment job in quick time.—Reuter.

Many Feared Dead In River Mishap

Patna, November 18.
Five hundred people were believed drowned in the river Ganges today when a fully loaded river steamer, carrying passengers and cattle from Sonapur, Fair, capsized.

Sonapur is across the river from Patna at the junction of the Ganges and Gandak rivers in North Eastern Bihar. Except for war sinkings, it is 17 years since a shipping disaster had caused comparable casualties.

In June, 1931, a French excursion steamer was upset off St. Nazaire, drowning 450. Early in the same year, a Chinese steamer exploded in the Yangtze river causing 350 deaths. In 1921, another Chinese steamer cost about 1,000 lives when the steamer Hong Kong hit a rock near Swatow.

Accidents Recalled

The heaviest peacetime river casualty list of the century was in the St. Lawrence river in May 1944. Then the Canadian Pacific steamer, the Empress of Ireland, sank in a collision with a Danish collier with the loss of 1,524 lives.

Special sanctity attaches to the junction of India's most sacred river with the Gandak at Sonapur.

The disaster occurred when the passengers rushed to one side of the lower deck as the steamer was approaching its berthing point. More than 100 cattle and some horses also were drowned.

The passengers were returning from Sonapur Fair—the biggest Hindu religious festival. The cattle market is held simultaneously with the Fair.—Reuter.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKT) a ridge of high pressure extends from W. China Eastwards to the Pacific E. Japan. The trough was centred about 350 miles E by N of Okinawa moving N at 10 to 15 knots. Pressure is also low over Siberia and in an extensive depression NE of Hokkaido.

Today's Forecast—Moderate Northerly or variable winds. Fine and hazy.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 70.5 deg. F. Minimum: 57.5 deg. F. Sunshine: 10.5 hours. Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—246.2 mm—96.94 ins. as against an average of 198.8 mm—7.83 ins.

Marshall Experts To Study Berlin Currency Issues

Paris, November 18.
The Secretary of State, Mr. Marshall, summoned American financial and monetary experts today from Washington and Berlin to advise him on currency aspects of the Berlin crisis. They will consult with Dr. Philip C. Jessup, U.S. deputy, who handles the Berlin case for Marshall in the Security Council.

This step was disclosed by an American delegation source as emphasis in the blockade dispute shifted to technical aspects of the currency control problem in the former German capital.

The American experts are flying to Paris from the Treasury Department in Washington and from General Lucius D. Clay's Military Government staff in Berlin.

The experts will have before them a questionnaire on the currency issue which Security Council President Juan A. Bramuglia of Argentina has sent to the Big Four nations.

Mr. Bramuglia is leading a Berlin compromise effort on behalf of the Council's six "neutral" nations.

Lio's Proposal
The U.S. Secretary-General Mr. Trygve Lio, also has initiated a study of the currency question by his own technicians. American sources said today their delegation has not yet received any specific request for definite information from Mr. Lio.

The Soviet Union has declared it will not lift the blockade unless the Soviet mark becomes Berlin's sole currency. The Western Powers agree, but insist the Soviet mark must be under adequate four-power control when it circulates within Berlin.

French officials said the chief problem facing the financial experts is whether an adequate four-power control of the Soviet mark within Berlin is really possible.

They asserted that this is more important than any question of simultaneous action on currency and the blockade, since once an agreement on currency is reached behind the scenes, it would be simple to arrange the simultaneousness of a settlement.—Associated Press.

FRANCE FACES NEW STRIKE WAR

Paris, November 18.
France today faced a new strike war tactic which may paralyse ports on Monday.

The Communist-led Dockers Federation has decided to call out all dockers and port workers then for a strike without time limit in support of their demand for wage adjustments to meet the increased cost of living.

Limited work stoppages have been decided by the Communist-led Confederation of French Labour in protest against the Government's bills, tabled on Tuesday, to give wider powers for dealing with industrial sabotage.—Reuter.

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Dulles Urges Europe To Unite Soon

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The United States Republican Party foreign affairs expert, Mr. John Foster Dulles, addressing the American Club here today, said that if Europe failed to achieve unity, the United States might have to return to isolationism.

Mr. Dulles appealed for European unity and said that the lesson the United States had learned was that while it should develop ever closer ties with a strong, vigorous and contributing partner in freedom, "we ought not indefinitely to tie our fate to the fate of a Western Europe that insists on retaining a disunity and invites a recurrent war."

Mr. Dulles said: "There is a growing feeling in the United States that this third effort we are now making (the Marshall Plan) ought to result in a European unity that can provide the people with strength sufficient hereafter to sustain themselves in freedom."

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PWD LARGENY CASE HEARING CONTINUES

Returned Banishees Sentenced

Six returned banishees were sentenced at the Criminal Sessions yesterday by Mr. Justice Gould, the Police Judge.

So Sin, life banished since 1944, said he came to take his mother back to the country.

The same excuse was given by Chan Yiu alias Lei Kwen, alias Tse Kait alias Tse Kwun alias Wong Hing-kee, who was described by Crown Counsel as a bad character with 10 previous convictions, and who was serving a two-year term at Stanley for larceny.

He said he came to Hong Kong to look after his family, including a newly born child, back to the country, but was apprehended before he could leave.

Chan Fung alias Choy Cheung, with four previous convictions, said he had no excuse to give for returning to the Colony.

Lee Chai alias Wong Kwong alias Wong Ming alias Chan Nam, with five previous convictions since 1945, said he merely passed through on his way to see his sick father in Swatow.

Chau Ying alias Chan Hing alias Chan Tung said he heard his mother in Swatow was ill, and he came to Hong Kong to take the boat as there was no land transport from Canton to Swatow.

Four years' hard labour was imposed on each of the accused. In the case of Chan Yiu the sentence was to run consecutively with the term he is at present serving.

Leung Kwok-man was remanded to 10.30 a.m. this morning for sentence for the police to check up on his story that he came back to attend the funeral of his mother.

Eighteen-year-old Lo Mun, alias Chan Sang alias Chan Chai, received two years' hard labour. He was sentenced for larceny from the person in November 1947 and was banished for 10 years. Mr. Justice Gould said he took into consideration Lo's youth and the fact that his record was not as bad as the others.

Key Money Case Hearing Continues

The Blue Pool Road key money case hearing was continued yesterday at Central before Mr. Hing-shing Lo.

The sum of key money in respect of key money said to have been paid by Tin Wah-ho to Suen Soong-fong and which involved two payments of HK\$50,000 and HK\$24,000 for the surrender of No. 32 Blue Pool Road ground floor.

Instructed by Mr. G. S. Ford, Mr. Percy Chen prosecuted while Mr. A. J. Clifford instructed by Mr. Alfred Y. Hon was for the defence.

Continuing his evidence Tin Wah-ho said that he paid defendant HK\$50,000 on January 2, 1948 and the balance was to be paid by two instalments. Defendant wanted the money to be paid over to Tsang Shien-ming. Tsang will in turn hand the money over to defendant. Complainant then sent a cheque to Tsang. After that complainant through his solicitor seek for the return of the cheque which has already been debited into his account. The second cheque was paid on January 14. The amount was HK\$24,000. Another HK\$24,000 was deducted from defendant as no rent was paid during 1947.

The cheques were produced in court which shown that defendant has endorsed them.

Cross examined by Mr. Clifford witness said that he was separated from his first wife and married again on December 2, 1946. He had four children by his first wife.

When they were separated complainant signed a document at Chungking giving his wife the custody of the four children. Another clause was also mentioned to the effect that when the house is sold complainant was to give his first wife US\$10,000.

The house was eventually sold for HK\$270,000, of which complainant paid his wife US\$10,000. The hearing was adjourned to December 11.

PUBLIC CAR DRIVER FINED

For driving a public car with out due care and caution, Au Pak-ki driver of car No. 4974, was yesterday fined HK\$40 and ordered to pay compensation of HK\$200 by Mr. M. Chau sitting at the Justice of Peace Court at Central.

Inspector Paul said defendant car bumped into a rickshaw near Blake after and as a result of the accident the rickshaw with its puller and passenger Mr. K. T. Duxon, were thrown into the gutter. Mr. Duxon suffered damage to his suit of clothing and personal belongings valued at HK\$500.

The wiring of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club in June or July last year was done by Government workmen during regular working hours and using Government materials, under the instructions of Mr. Spary, Ho Ting, foreman of the Wanchai Workshop, testified before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

Ho Ting, who gave evidence on October 22, was recalled after H. W. Forsyth, engineer of the Port Works Office and member of the House Committee of the RHYC, had detailed the conversations between Spary and himself prior to the re-wiring of the club house.

Another witness at the 13th day's hearing of the Committee proceedings against Kwok Kwong, foreman, and Austin Spary and Arthur Fredericks May, Grade I electrical engineers, on 12 counts of fraudulent conversion of Government materials, conspiracy, and falsification of documents, was H. F. Shields, dentist of Gloucester Building.

Shields said that after the installation of ceiling fan and two fluorescent lamps in his office, Spary called for the money and was paid \$260 in cash. No receipt was given at that time, and when he telephoned two or three times to Spary "he just apologised and said that he had forgotten about it and that he will send it."

The 100th witness in the proceedings was called shortly after noon when Miss Fannie Wong, secretary and receptionist to Mr. Shields, testified to having handed \$260 to her employer, who gave it to the same European man who called a few days earlier about fixing the fan and lamps.

S. H. Asho, sub-accountant of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, said that the cheque drawn by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club for \$1,502.72 in favour of Cheong Hing was subsequently credited to the account of John D. Hutchinson & Co.

Witness said that he did not see the job being done, but visited that club just before he went on leave at the end of June.

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On receipt of the men's report, said witness, he gave a written statement of estimate to the club. While all the defendants were in the Wanchai Workshop, Spary told him that he could proceed with the work, whereupon he asked Spary from where the materials were to be obtained.

Spary told him to get the main cables from the second floor storeroom of the Wanchai Workshop and the other wires from Kowloon. He was given 600 yards of light wire at Wanchai by Ho Ting, assistant to Kwok Kwong, said witness, adding that he took the wire to the RHYC for the job.

Witness added that he allocated Tang Tin, Lai Fu, Ho Hol, Chan Nam, Kwok Shu, Tang Kai-cheung, and, possibly, another man to the job which took approximately 10 days, including one Sunday.

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Two months after the work was completed, said witness, "Mr. Spary gave me \$200 for me and the other workmen as money for work done in the Yacht Club."

During the time the men were engaged on the Yacht Club job, their names were entered in the Daily Labour Distribution Book at the Government Printing Office. He made the entry on the instructions of Spary, said witness.

Witness went on to say that he installed three ceiling fans at the Hong Kong Football Club, on the instructions of Spary. These fans were obtained from the Wanchai Workshop and formed part of those which had been taken back from the Fire Brigade Building. Another of these fans was installed in the office of Mr. Shields.

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Four or five days after the work started, witness took 100 yards of power cable from the second floor of the Workshop. He also took the other materials needed. The main cables were old, as were some of the other materials, but the majority of the equipment used was new.

Police Want Information

Will the two Europeans, who found the body of a Chinese man in the nulla near Boundary Street at 10.40 p.m. on November 14, please communicate with Sub-Inspector Roberts, Shamshuiho CID, Telephone 50783.

Cautioned For Evading Bus Fare

Kan Hang-chi, aged 30, attached to the Social Welfare Office, came before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday charged with impersonating a police officer and attempting to evade bus fare.

Defendant, through his counsel Mr. A. S. C. Comer, pleaded not guilty to both charges.

Inspector Percy Lowe, said, defendant was alleged, when asked by the conductor for his fare, to have nodded and replied that he was a police officer.

Shortly after an Inspector of the Bus Company boarded the bus and a report was made to him by the conductor that defendant had not paid his fare and claimed to be a police officer.

Defendant was then asked to go to a police station.

Mr. L. R. Burch and Mr. Li Chai-hong, both attached to the Social Welfare Office, testified to defendant's good conduct and both agreed with defence counsel that they were surprised to hear of the charges preferred against him.

The magistrate held that there was insufficient evidence in regard to the first charge, but on the second charge registered a caution.

Able Seamen, Foki In Free For All

A scuffle between two able seamen and a foki of a motor boat company resulted in all three being brought before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday and charged with disorderly conduct.

Defendants in the case were A/B Hogg, A/B Hilton and Kwok Ping-wah. First defendant was additionally charged with assaulting Kwok while the party was in the charge room of Central Police Station.

According to Police Constable 1080 who was on duty in Pedder Street at 3 a.m. yesterday, he was attracted to a commotion at the Blake Pier.

Approaching the scene he found two sailors and a Chinese all mixed up in a free for all.

He managed to pacify them and escorted them to Central Police Station where they were all charged with disorderly conduct.

While all the defendants were being questioned, first defendant, for no reason whatsoever, gave third defendant a blow in the face, which led to the additional charge preferred against him.

On the first charge of disorderly conduct, all defendants were cautioned, but third defendant was fined \$25 for assault.

Inspector H. Moran prosecuted.

Big Amount Of Gold Imported

At the Kai Tak Airport on Wednesday afternoon, a Chinese couple arriving on a CNAC plane were searched.

Found on the husband, Sze Yee-hung, were 36 gold coins and two gold figures, the total value of which was approximately HK\$10,375.

The gold articles were concealed in the corset and shoes of the woman.

Mr. W. H. Latimer ordered the gold to be confiscated.

Kam Wan, had four loads of gold on her when searched at the same place that same day.

Her gold was also confiscated. Revenue Inspector D. H. Knox prosecuted.

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Dates For Civil Case Hearings To Be Made Every Month

Fixing of dates for the hearing of civil cases in original jurisdiction will henceforth be made each month on the afternoon of the day on which the Criminal Session opens.

The reason for this procedure, which was introduced for the first time in Hong Kong yesterday, is to aim at greater efficiency and to ensure that the time of the judges may be fully taken up.

The Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, and the Additional Judge, Mr. Justice Reynolds, presided at the first date fixing yesterday afternoon, when six barristers and representatives of nearly every legal firm in the Colony were present.

Explaining the new procedure, the Chief Justice said a memo with full explanations had been sent to the Bar Association and the Law Society.

He said that it was necessary to make these modifications to the present procedure, which he thought that the new procedure was desirable and there should be no difficulty in carrying it out.

The object was to secure the maximum of efficiency, and he felt that given some measure of co-operation the system would work successfully.

The text of the memo setting out the new procedure reads: "There is at present a very considerable volume of civil work in the original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. His Honour the Chief Justice is of opinion that the only safe course is to assume that the volume will not diminish in the future and may possibly increase."

"While the arrears of work are not exceptionally heavy at present and such delays as occur are largely at the request of the parties themselves, His Honour considers that the existing machinery for fixing dates of trial is not satisfactory and that more effective machinery is required."

The present procedure is for the dates to be fixed by negotiation between the solicitors concerned and the Judges' Clerk. The system is haphazard in the sense that dates are fixed for individual cases largely without reference to the trial paper as a whole or to the need for ensuring that all dates which the Judges have available are reasonably filled. Often dates are taken a considerable time ahead, but at the last minute the case is settled or a request is made for an adjournment with a view to settlement and the dates taken are wasted.

"His Honour," says accordingly decided that in future the Judges will hold a sitting each month for the fixing of cases in accordance with the following procedure:

At 2.30 p.m. on the day on which the case is taken on at the Criminal Sessions each month, commencing with November 18, 1948, the Judges will sit together to fix dates for the hearing of cases in the trial paper in the presence of the solicitors and/or counsel concerned.

"The afternoon of the day on which cases are taken has been selected as the most suitable day for that monthly fixing of dates because the Judges will then, in a position to know what days are reserved for criminal work and therefore what days are available for civil work."

"The object of the Judges will be to fill up all the dates which are available for civil work up to the next fixing day and to fill up any available dates for civil work before any judge for a fortnight thereafter."

Reason Given

"The reason for this arrangement is that if the judges on any particular fixing day only filled up their dates until the next fixing day, they would find it difficult when the next fixing day arrived, to fill up any dates for the next succeeding fortnight because of the short notice which would be involved."

"On the other hand, the judges will not know, on the early fixing day, exactly what dates will be required for criminal work during the fortnight following the next fixing day and the further they can go, will be to ensure that one of the three judges will be available for civil work during that fortnight."

"Subject to paragraph 3, the procedure on fixing days will be that cases will be called in the order on the trial paper and will be allotted dates on the principle that the first case on the list shall be the first date available and so on."

"In this connection counsel and solicitors will be expected to give their Subordinate Court work preference over their work in subordinate courts. Dates will not be allotted to cases which are not entered in the trial paper. Once dates have been allotted, adjournments will not be given, unless there are cogent reasons."

"His Honour recalls that the above procedure must be subject to some alteration in special circumstances but is confident that with the co-operation of counsel and solicitors, it will lead to a more efficient use of the time of the judges and therefore to greater expedition in the trial of cases."

Long Terms Given To Two Robbers

Robbery on a junk near Un Long early last month, when 33 sacks of rice were removed by the robbers, was recalled at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

The two robbers, Chan Kau and Chong Mun, who were sentenced to 10 years' hard labour and six strokes of the cane by Mr. Justice Gould.

The accused were among a party of three men, one of whom was armed with a pistol, who robbed the junk which was bringing rice from China to the colony. Following a report made to the police, a watch was kept, and the next morning some of the rice was found in a shop at Tsun Wan. Two boats at Tsun Wan were then raised, and most of the stolen rice was recovered.

A sum of HK\$895, proceeds of sale of some of the rice, was ordered by the Court to be returned to the victims.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr. W. A. Blair Kerr, Assistant Crown Counsel.

Both accused were not legally represented.

Five-Year Sentence For Robbery

Five years' hard labour, and six strokes of the cane was the sentence passed on Leung Tak-ping for robbery with violence, by Mr. Justice Gould yesterday.

Leung, who admitted the offence, was a young woman of her finger ring, at 10.15 p.m. on September 24 as she was walking along Castle Road. He knocked her to the ground and took the ring off her finger.

Raymond Chan, who happened to pass by in his car, came to the assistance of the woman with his driver, and two Portuguese gentlemen named Roza and Botelho also joined in the chase, and caught Leung. The ring was recovered.

After sentence was passed Mr. Justice Gould complimented the four men who apprehended the accused, for their courage and public-spiritedness.

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Lecture Given For Y. Men

Miss Margaret Watson, Principal Almoner of the Medical Department, gave a very interesting talk on "The Work of the Almoner" at the Y. Men's meeting held at the Chinese Bankers Association last night.

The meeting, which was well attended, was held in the Y. Men's Club and all members and their friends had a very enjoyable evening.

Chinese GI's Leave For U.S. With War Brides

New Railway Time Table Announced

The General Manager, Railway, announces that a new Time Table will come into operation on Saturday, November 20.

Alterations have been made to the time of arrival and departure of the Through Trains to and from Canton which will mean an earlier arrival at the two terminals. This service will now be as under:—

Kowloon dep. 7.50 a.m. 9.30 a.m. 2.30 p.m. Canton arr. 12.24 p.m. 1.58 p.m. 7.53 p.m.

Canton dep. 7.45 a.m. 2.00 p.m. 4.25 p.m. Kowloon arr. 12.16 p.m. 6.25 p.m. 8.04 p.m.

Certain alterations have been made to the local train service, the most important being the first train from the New Territories in the morning. This will now leave Sham Shui Po at 7.22 a.m. and arrive at Kowloon at 8.25 a.m. instead of 8.11 a.m.

Ying Wa Girls Presented Certificates

The Ying Wa Girls' School held a Programme yesterday, Speech Day, during which Certificates were presented to various students in the school, and a School Report for 1942-43 was read.

The Programme commenced with a hymn sung by the Middle School students, followed by a short remark from the Rev. F. Short.

Then, the Report was read out by the Headmistress concerning the past academic year of the school, during which it was marked with progress on the whole.

The Certificates were presented by Professor Ma Kiam. A brief address was made by the professor to all the students.

Following, the winners of the Certificates:—

Chun Shuk-woon, Lee Foon-chuk, Lo Puk-yuen, Young Biki-mul, Hong Kong School Certificate.

Junior Middle School Certificate:—

With Honours: Lam Wai-hung, Shum Shuk-shan, Lee Ching-chi, Shum Shuk-yue, Lau Shuk-yuen.

Passed: Ho Choi-kin, Pang Sing-fai, Yeung Chi-mo, Lui Shin-yue, Sun Moo-shui, Lui Kwok-hung, Ip Kiu-luen, Lee Mui-ying, Tang Sou-wan, Lam Shuen-ying.

Refugees To Aggravate Housing Shortage

Hong Kong's acute housing shortage is likely to be further aggravated with the influx of large numbers of refugees from the North.

The ss. Shengking which arrived from Shanghai yesterday brought a full complement of Chinese passengers and approximately 20 Europeans, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Davis and two children, Mrs. H. Hirst, and Messrs. S. M. Winton, C. C. Young, S. C. Redford, V. M. Allington and W. B. Sim.

Scenes reminiscent of the days when refugees were fleeing from Hong Kong during the Japanese occupation were in evidence at the Christian Wharf after the berthing of the Shengking.

Crowded on the wharf were hundreds of Chinese refugees and their baggage. A large proportion of these refugees were apparently of the poorer class.

Many of them appeared to be in a dazed and bewildered condition and did not seem to know what was going on as they clutched tightly at their worldly possessions.

There were also many rich Shanghai Chinese among the refugees, and their affluent appearance contrasted sharply with that of their less fortunate countrymen.

While the poorer class of refugees carried all their belongings wrapped in a large blanket, the richer refugees brought with them luxurious furniture, expensive radios and other household articles.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH HOLDS BAZAAR

Tomorrow St. Mary's Church, Tai Hang Road, Causeway Bay, just opposite St. Paul's Hospital, will hold its first Bazaar since the end of the war.

Mrs. Lambert Kwok will perform the opening ceremony, which will take place at 11 a.m. There will be side-shows as well as stalls packed with a variety of goods suitable for personal use and for Christmas gifts.

Tea and refreshments will be served and indications point to a very pleasant time for all who attend.

With less than six weeks left to bring their war brides home, 25 more returning American-Chinese GIs and their families left Hong Kong by air yesterday for the United States.

A varied group, among them being a grocer, a butcher, laundrymen, waiters and Columbia University students, they departed by PAL's specially-chartered "GI War Bride" Flying Tiger plane.

This was the third of a series of priority weekly flights for Mr. GI Joe and family. On December 28, the priority entry into the United States for wives of former Chinese GIs, as provided by the GI Bill of Rights, will end.

With the American maritime strike, hundreds are faced with the only alternative of taking back their families—to fly them to America.

By air, land and sea, they are flocking into the Colony and invading travel agencies for bookings before they find, by the stroke of a pen, their families barred from America.

To cope with the sudden influx and help them beat the deadline, PAL chartered a DC4 from the Flying Tiger Line and inaugurated their special "GI War Bride" flights on November 1, when the first 25 GI Joees and their families were flown home.

Two hundred are booked for the last four trips, ending December 20. The company reported that several hundreds had to be turned down due to the limited period.

Back To China

Mostly natives of Toisan and Chungan in the Kwangtung Province, the former American-Chinese servicemen came to China after the war to take advantage of certain privileges granted by the American Congress, among them being that they could bring home their families with them.

Through traditional filial piety and financial circumstances, these men have chosen the "illiterate but Victorian ideal of a wife" from among the village belles.

A Columbia University student explained why they have married such "womely ladies."

"Back home a wife has really a tough job," he said. "There are no amias, and she has to do the housework all by herself and has to learn to like it."

The Real Education

"Our wives have the real education, as a matter of fact," he stated. "From young, they were trained, or learned by experience, to look after their elders and superiors (not that I declare myself such as a husband). They make good housewives and, above all, ideal mothers."

"Another factor which decided our Victorian preferences," he concluded, "is purely financial."

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MR. MORE

HK Business Opportunities Promising

A multi-millionaire at the age of 25, Mr. Srinivasa More intends to continue the hard work that has made him one of India's "business princes."

Mr. More, who is paying a short business visit to Hong Kong, controls more than 20 jute mills, textile factories and at least houses in India. Agents for his export and import organisation can be found in almost every country of the world.

This is only his second visit to the colony, which he believes holds wonderful opportunities for all types of business. After leaving here on Wednesday, he will turn home via Bangkok and, in February, will make his first world tour.

Mr. More said yesterday that, while India's political position was still uncertain, its economic state had shown great improvement. His business was one of those which helped this.

Beginning his career early in the firm established by his father, Mr. Rameshramulay, he works daily from 7.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a lunch-hour break of one and a half hours.

"I like sports but haven't much time for more than tennis," he said. "My only aim is to keep improving the business and, with it, the economic position of India."

Mr. More has a wife and a three-year-old son, who did not accompany him on this trip.

ss. Nanchang Arrives

Towed all the way from Singapore through monsoon seas by the ss. Nanchang, the ss. Taku Mar arrived here yesterday to join the small fleet of Butterfield and Swire.

Built in Canada, the tug went through heavy weather in the China Sea without damage.

The ss. Nanchang brought 320 tons of general cargo for the Colony and carries in transit 80 tons of rubber for Shanghai, Inchon and Pusan. She will depart tomorrow afternoon.

Flying the British flag, the 1,488-ton steamer has a crew of 46 British officers and 81 Asiatics with Mr. W.E. Awcock in command.

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Chinese Blind Get New Lease On Life At Ebenezer Home

Kwaihing Choung, a 14-year-old Chinese girl, was a normal child until she became ill in 1942. Then she was given some medicine which cured her illness but destroyed her sight.

Liu Kwahni, aged 17, was adopted as a child by local farmers. They found later that she was blind and abandoned her.

Stories like these can be heard from any of the 24 inmates of the Ebenezer Home for Blind Girls, Pokfulam Road, where Chinese blind, unwanted by their relatives, are taught to make some use of their lives.

Before the war, the home cared for 54 blind girls and women but 26 died when they were moved to the New Territories during the occupation. Now, half the building is occupied by an American mission school and there is no room for more than 24.

Principal of the home is Miss Sophie Moritz who was born in Pomorania and became a missionary after her education in Germany. Miss Moritz has done this type of work for 42 years and her assistant, Miss M.C. Tong, has been here for 20 years.

Their helpers include two Chinese maids and two elderly workers, but most of the work in the home is done by the blind inmates themselves, whose capabilities are surprising.

Furniture in the home is only the minimum needed for comfort, and although the inside has just been repainted, further repairs are needed to the outside. This seems impossible at present as the institution is several thousand dollars in debt.

When I visited it yesterday, the home's "orchestra" of organist and musical saw player played several hymns and one of the older inmates presented me with a Braille copy of a psalm which reads:—

"My soul praises the Lord and I do not forget all His blessings." D.G.

The death occurred suddenly yesterday of Mr. Samuel Michael Bander, resident of Hong Kong for many years, at the age of 62. He died on the way to the Kowloon Hospital after a heart attack.

For many years he was connected with the Chinese section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, serving in his later years as Traffic Inspector, stationed at Shumcutan. He was decorated for his services by the Chinese Government in 1930, and retired shortly before the outbreak of the Pacific War. During the war, he was interned with his wife and daughter, Stella, in Stanley Internment Camp.

Mr. Bander was one of the oldest members of Lodge St. John No. 618 S.C., and was recently a Life Member of the Lodge. He is survived by his widow, daughter Stella, son Charles, and a sister, Mrs. Amelia Landau.

The funeral will take place this afternoon, passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

Donations

FOOD PARCELS FUND: The following is a list of the donations received up to November 18, which have not yet been acknowledged in the Press: Ladies' Committee, HK\$ 50.00; received up to October 28, 1943 and already acknowledged: HK\$ 53.25.

Total donations received up to November 18, 1943, HK\$ 103.25. Donations may be sent to the Hon. Treasurers, Messrs. Poon, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., Exchange Building.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL RESTORATION FUND: The following is a list of the donations received up to November 18, which have not yet been acknowledged in the Press: Mrs. E.S. Atkins, HK\$ 5.00; Mrs. E.M.R. Buckland, 19.09; A.W. Evans, 10.00; G.S. Wills, 25.00; Mrs. D. Wise, 18.00; Brook, Bernacki, 25.00; Restoration Box, 109.55.

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NOTICE

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB

"SMOKER"—Sunday, November 21, 1948.

An Inter-Club "Smoker" will be held on Sunday evening the 21st November 21. All those wishing to attend this function are requested to enter their names on the list placed in the Bar. Steak & Kidney Pudding Supper will be served at 8.45 p.m.

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SCAP Working On Accelerated Plan For Jap Economy

Washington, November 18.

Dr. Sherwood Fine, Director of Finance and Economics at Allied Headquarters in Tokyo, said today that occupation authorities are working on an accelerated programme, both domestically and abroad.

The American economist arrived here yesterday at the head of a Tokyo mission for prolonged conferences with the Army's Civil Affairs Authorities.

Commenting on rumours that Tokyo Headquarters economic chiefs were alarmed that the reconstruction programme might be due for revolutionary changes, Dr. Fine said, "that is too strong a term."

"This programme by necessity must be altered as it progresses to meet changing conditions both within and outside Japan." He added, "Further changes are under consideration, but there will be no revolution in the foreseeable future."

The economist said that Japan's exports are steadily increasing, but "we hope to raise it to a far greater figure in the foreseeable future." He added that "disturbed conditions throughout the world are heavy obstacles to this drive, but we are making progress."

Dr. Fine forecast that the one-time empire's overseas business would continue to show steady growth and that the recent U.S. decision to permit Japanese businessmen to go abroad to develop markets would have a beneficial effect.

Expresses Confidence

Dr. Fine and other members of the mission said that failure of the Pacific Allies to settle the reparations question is proving a hindrance to the reconstruction of the country and that they hoped the issue would be settled shortly, although they saw no prospects for such settlement.

"This problem is one of the Allies to settle through the Far Eastern Commission," he added. The group declined to discuss details of other objectives here, but said, "We are confident they will be accomplished within one month," when they will return to Japan.

They said they will supply information for the Army making up Japan's reconstruction budget for the coming year, but declined to discuss amounts. "We are exporting steadily increasing amounts of raw silk for textiles," Eaton said. "But the market for end products, principally hosiery for American women, has greatly decreased."

Dr. Fine said that at the present the China crisis is being watched closely in Japan. He indicated the feeling existed there that if Communist operations on the Asiatic mainland continue to expand they can become a menace to Japan.

However, he added the belief that as long as the occupation forces remain in Japan the country is safe against Communist or other possible threats.

Two unheralded members of the mission were a pair of Tokyo canaries which Mr. Eaton brought along as gifts. The birds were carried from the plane chirping happily and Mr. Eaton said, "They enjoyed the trip immensely."

Working in Cumberland, November 17. A furnace explosion at the Workington Iron and Steel works yesterday caused the death of three workmen.—Reuter.

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Orders For St. John A. B.

Orders by Comm. A. el Arculli, C.S.I.J., Commissioner, St. J.A.B. Hong Kong District, Order No. 30/48 dated November 19:

A. HONG KONG SUB DISTRICT Parades. Eastern Div. Amb & Nurs. Divs. Home Nursing Wednesday, 24, 7.30 p.m.

HKYMCA Amb. and Nurs. Divs. Parade Thursday, 25, 7.30 p.m.

Ambulance Duties Hong Kong. November 21 to 27, Chung Sing Division.

November 28 to December 4, Eastern Division.

Race Course Duties. Saturday, November 20: KCOB Division Motor Transport Div. to man Ambulance.

Football Match Duties. Saturday, 20: Caroline Hill 2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m. SCAA Division; Navy Ground 2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Eastern Division; H.K. Football Club 4 p.m. Central Division.

Sunday, 21: Sookunpoo 3 p.m. Central Division.

B. KOWLOON SUB DISTRICT Parades. Kong Wah Div. Yau-mat Govt. School, Friday, 19, 8 p.m.

Tsimshatsui Div. Yau-mat Govt. School, Sunday, 21, 8 p.m.

Shamshui Div. Nurs. and Amb. Divs. Yau-mat Govt. School, Tuesday, 23, 8 p.m.

Mongkok Div. Yau-mat Govt. School, Thursday, 25, 8 p.m.

KYMCA, Nurs. and Amb. Div. KYMCA, Thursday, 25, 7.30 p.m.

Ambulance Duties Kowloon. November 22 to 28 Mongkok Division.

November 29 to December 5, Kong Wah Division.

Football Match Duties. Saturday, 20: Boundary Street 2.30 and 4 p.m. Shamshui Division.

Sunday, 21: Boundary Street, 3.30 p.m. Shamshui Division.

It is the Commissioner's request that all Senior Officers attending the Annual Dinner on Saturday 20 at Brigade Headquarters will wear Winter Mess Kit.

(Sgd.) R. A. EDWARDS, Corps Supt.

HKVDC ORDERS

Orders by Colonel L.T. Ride, CBE, ED, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. Order No. 39/48 dated November 18, 1948.

Obituary. The Commandant regrets to announce the death on November 12, 1948 of Pte. F.N. Hill, HKVDC.

"C" Course. The course for B.Q.M.S. and C.Q.M.S. will be held on Tuesday, November 30, 1948 at 1745 hours in the lecture room, Corps H.Q.

N.R.A. Overseas Rifle and Revolver Postal Matches 1948. Practices for the above matches will be held on Stonecutters Island Range for selected personnel commencing at 10 a.m. Sunday, November 21, 1948. Launch leaves Queen's Pier 9 a.m. Sunday, November 21. Calls at Police Pier Kowloon 9.15 a.m. en route.

Part 2 Orders, Order No. 37/48: Strength-Decrease. 3310 Pte. Antonio, F.E., No. 6 Coy. w.e.f. November 2, 1948.

(Sgd.) B. G. PUGH, Major & Adjutant, HKVDC.

NOTICES

Christmas Cards. Corps Christmas Cards are available at 40 cents each on application to the Quartermaster, HKVDC.

Lawn Bowls. The Kowloon Dock Club has invited the HKVDC to a Lawn Bowls match. Full details will be issued later.

Farrell Touring Team. The Farrell touring team will be playing the following fixtures on the Hong Kong Cricket Club Ground at Chater Road. All Unit personnel are cordially invited. Admission free.

November 18 and 19: Farrell v. Combined Services.

November 20 and 21: Farrell v. Interport XI.

Sergeants' Mess Meeting. A General Meeting of the Sergeants' Mess will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Friday, December 3, 1948 at 6 p.m. The agenda is being circulated to all members. All members are requested to attend.

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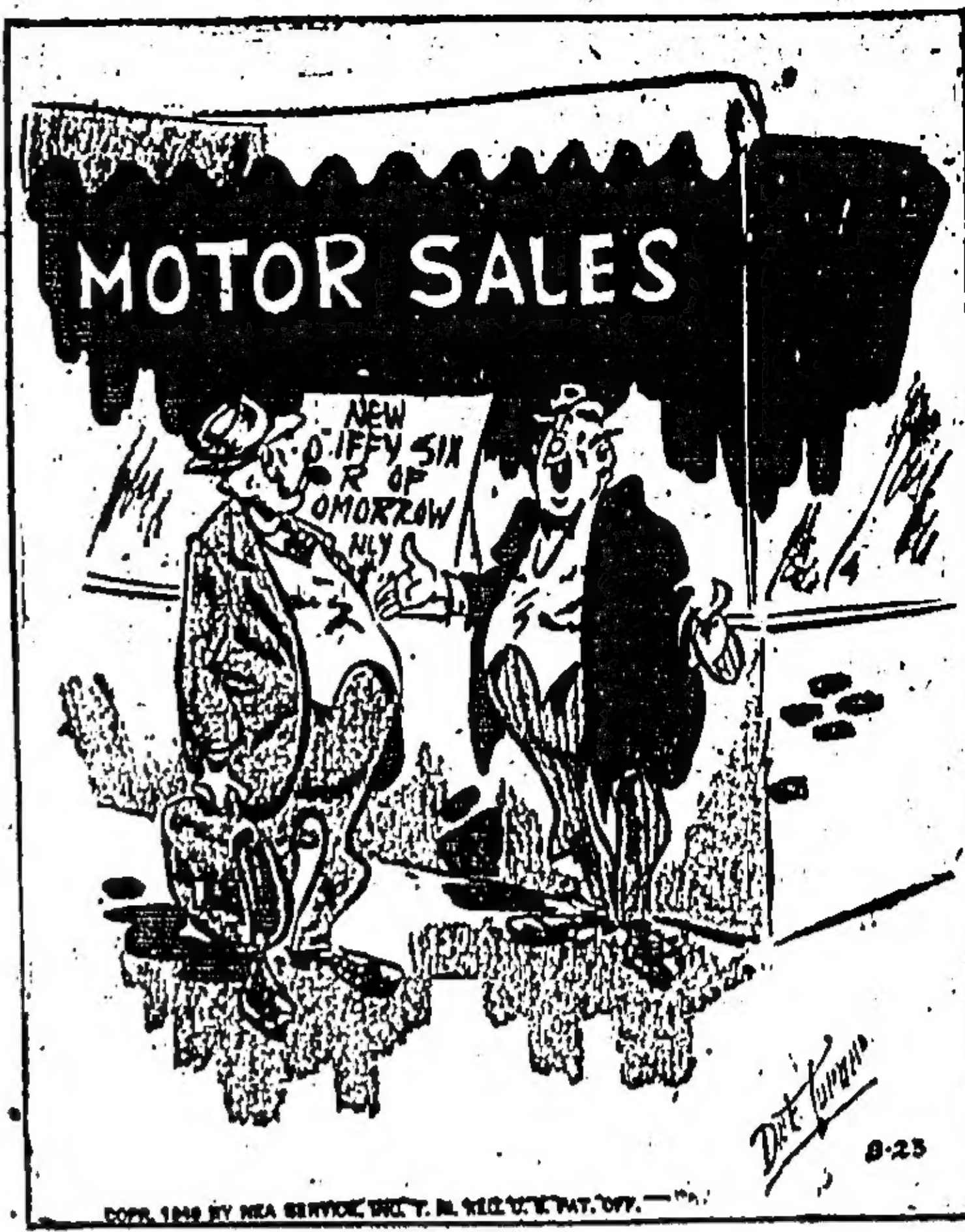
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S 75
H K 7 6 3 2
D A 10 9
C A K 2

S A Q J
H 9 4
D Q 8 3 2
C 9 7 6 3

S 10 9 4 2
H J 10 8 5
D J 7 6 4
C 8

S K 8 6 3
H A Q 10 5
D K 5
C Q J 10 5 4

Dealer: North. North-South vulnerable.

North East South West
1 H Pass 2 NT Pass
3 H Pass 3 NT Pass

Some of the South players on this national championship deal managed to make eleven tricks in that contract. Another of them, was well on his way to the same result by skillful play, when he was circumvented through the artistry of the defender in the West, who was Morgan W. Howard, treasurer of the Heart Corp.

After West bids 3-Diamonds, East—3-Hearts, West 3-No Trumps, North 4-Spades, East 5-Diamonds, South doubles and West Redoubles, what should North lead?

Answers: S Q J 10 6 4 2, H J 8 6 2, D None, C Q J 9.

SA 9 8 7, H 10 9 4 3, D J 5 4, C A 5.

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THE ELEVENTH INSTALMENT

CRUSADE IN EUROPE

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's
Own Story Of The War
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standing of the reasons why his country took up arms and of the conflicting consequences of victory or defeat. Von Staeben commented vividly on this point during the American Revolution. He explained in a letter to a friend that in Europe you tell a soldier to do this, and he does it; and that in America it is necessary also to tell him why he does it.

Once the recruit of 1941 was inducted into the service the military leader had to shoulder almost exclusive responsibility for imparting such an understanding, but there was implied a glaring deficiency in our country's educational processes. It seemed to me that constant stressing of the individual rights and privileges of American citizenship had overshadowed the equally important truth that such individualism can be sustained only so long as the citizen accepts his full responsibility for the welfare of the nation that protects him in the exercise of these rights.

Belief in an underlying cause is fully as important to success in war as any local expedient. Induced or produced by whatever kind of command or leadership action, Cromwell's "Ironsides" marched into battle singing hymns. Their iron discipline was matched by an inner conviction that never deserted them in any kind of dramatic crisis.

Cromwell's Square, where our headquarters and the American Embassy were located, through the soldier's love of nicknames soon became "Eisenhowerplatz," and was so referred to, at times, in the press.

This was merely amusing, but the location made it difficult to lead a quiet personal life. British hospitality and the presence in London of a number of American friends combined to bring me numerous invitations of all kinds. Finally, to avoid the inescapable incidents of hotel life, I moved my personal quarters to a quiet little cottage on the edge of the city. I lived there with my family, a companion, Harry C. Butcher, and my orderly, Sergeant Michael McKeogh. Two Negro soldiers, Sergeants John Mooney and John Hunt, joined us to take care of the house and a simple mess. They stayed with me throughout the war.

From July onward I did not, during the war, accept any invitation except from the Prime Minister or from members of the American or British armed services. These always had business as their primary object.

Visits to the troops had not yet assumed their later proper form in my schedule. There were still relatively few units in the United Kingdom to visit. One of the earliest trips of this sort was in connection with our first offensive operation against the enemy—a bombing raid to celebrate July 4, 1942. The targets were four German aerodromes in Holland. Sir Boston, the commander of Captain Charles C. Kegelman, included as part of a larger British formation, ran into severe flak and two failed to return. To mark our entry into the European fighting I took time to visit the crews immediately before the take-off, and talked with the survivors after their return.

During the war Mr. Churchill maintained such close contact with all operations as to make him a virtual member of the British Chiefs of Staff; I cannot remember any major discussion with him in which he did not participate.

An inspirational leader, he seemed to typify Britain's courage and perseverance in adversity and its conservation in success. He was a man of extraordinary strength of conviction and a master in argument and debate. Completely devoted to winning the war and discharging his responsibility as Prime Minister of

Great Britain, he was difficult indeed to combat when conviction compelled disagreement with his views. In most cases problems were solved on a basis of almost instant agreement, but occasionally important issues arose where this was far from true. He could become intensely argumentative, even in discussion with a single person, but at the same time his intensity of purpose made his delivery seem natural and appropriate. He used humor and pathos with equal facility, and drew on everything from the Greek classics to Donald Duck for quotation, cliché, and forceful slant to support his position.

I admired and liked him. He knew this perfectly, and never hesitated to use that knowledge in his effort to bring me to his own line of thought in any argument. Yet in spite of his strength of purpose, in those instances where we found our convictions in direct opposition, he never once lost his friendly attitude toward me when I persisted in my own course, nor did he fail to respect with meticulous care the position I occupied as the senior American officer and, later, the Allied commander in Europe.

He was a keen student of the war's developments and of military history, and discussion with him, even on purely professional grounds, was never unprofitable. If he accepted a decision unwillingly, he accepted it with a willingness to have his own way, up to the very moment of execution. But once action was started he had a faculty for forgetting everything in his desire to get ahead, and invariably tried to provide British support in a greater degree than prompted. Some of the questions in which I found myself at various periods of the war, opposed to the Prime Minister, were among the most critical I faced, but so long as I was acting within the limits of my combined instinctive and authorized intervention except by persuasion or by complete destruction of the Allied concept.

Nevertheless, in countless ways, he could have made my task a harder one had he been anything less than big, and I shall always owe him an immeasurable debt of gratitude for his unfailing courtesy and zealous support, regardless of his dislike of some of our important decisions. He was a great war leader and he is a great man.

Our planning and organizational work sometimes involved differences in national conceptions that struck at the very foundation of our basic plan. These points were discussed in an atmosphere of cordiality and objectivity, but they were none the less serious. Whenever I found myself opposed to the views of the Prime Minister, he was, of course, supported by his War Cabinet and technical advisers. That differences should occur was inescapable and natural. Varying situations in national geography bring with them differences in military doctrine, and special war experiences bring with them still more differences in projected strategy. An early instance involved the proposed employment of our slowly developing bombing force.

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DEATH

BANDER: Suddenly on November 10, 1948, Samuel Mitchell, beloved husband of Mrs. S. M. Bander. Funeral in Colonial Cemetery this afternoon at 5 p.m.

EUROPEAN UNITY

Within the next few days a Committee set up by the five "Western Union" Governments will begin to consider the steps to be taken towards securing a greater measure of unity between European countries.

The terms of reference are deliberately wide. "Unity" is intended to comprise all projects from schemes for a European federation with a federal parliament and a federal government to plans for closer co-operation between national governments.

It is the British Government which has secured a widening of the terms of reference. For the original proposal would seem in some measure to commit the five Governments in advance in principle both of the idea of a federal constitution and to an immediate beginning of the suggested European assembly.

And these are grave and far-reaching issues which cannot be prejudiced in advance in the mere setting up of a Committee. Since The Hague Congress, there has indeed been a feeling of a concerted and strenuous effort to stampede Governments and public opinion of Western Europe into immediate, ill-considered and far-reaching steps towards federation.

The motives are no doubt beyond reproach. But the methods are dangerous.

For this thesis of federation or, at any rate, of an immediate federation of even West European countries, is not one to be accepted without full consideration of the difficulties. Yet any suggestion of difficulty, any suggestion that perhaps a mechanical federation would be no cure for Europe's problems, and might even aggravate them, is met by accusations of "reactionary nationalism"—rather in the vein of "Pravda" dealing with Marshal Tito's end of endangering economic recovery, of forfeiting American sympathy, of jeopardising the peace.

But there are arguments against federation itself which need serious weighing. Historical precedents are not entirely happy. The formation of the United States was comparatively easy. The component states had only recently become independent. They shared a common language, a common law, a large measure of common tradition. Yet that union broke into two warring factions and was only restored forcibly after an exhausting struggle. In Europe the German Confederation of 1815, also with a certain "national" unity as its basis, collapsed in war, and was only re-created and stabilised by Prussian military dominance. Even the Swiss Confederation has been riven by civil war and the revolt of the Sonderbund Cantons.

Federation, then, is no guarantee of internal peace, and a European federation leading to a European civil war would be of little value.

Would such an artificial federation, in fact, be stronger even militarily than a looser partnership? Consider the "Parliament of Europe" and the government responsible to it. The Parliament would be a patchwork of political parties and of national groups, of shifting alli-

The organisational plan for big was pressing in point of time. We intended to participate as quickly as possible in the bombing campaign against Germany. The Eighth Air Force was allocated to our theatre, with General Spaatz assigned to me as its commander. From the time of his arrival at London in July he was never long absent from my side until the last victorious shot had been fired in Europe. On every succeeding day of almost three years of active war, I had new reasons for thanking the gods of war and the War Department for giving me "Tootsy" Spaatz. He shunned the limelight and was so modest and retiring that the public probably never became fully cognisant of his value.

All these preliminary organisational tasks were normal to such enterprises. They had been anticipated and therefore were soon disposed of, so far as immediate needs were concerned. Another task for which we had to arrange was specifically an almost unique in character. It involved the fitting of our training, building, and organisational activities into British life.

The plan to bring large fighting forces to Great Britain required those highly populated lands to ready themselves for the absorption of 2,000,000 Americans and to provide for them necessary facilities, including training grounds, in which to prepare for the great invasion. England's insufficiency in food supplies had already led to a programme of placing even submarginal ground under intensive cultivation, while, to save fuel and power, all unnecessary transportation and power facilities had been eliminated. Our friendly invasion would vastly increase the strain on the population. The whole of the British Isles is only slightly larger than Colorado. Certain portions were either unusable or unsuitable for our purpose. Southern Ireland was neutral, while Scotland was short of suitable areas for training. Almost the entire burden was thrown onto the crowded sections of middle and southern England, with some troops stationed in North Ireland. We had to expect inevitable clashes with civilian processes, and in spite of the best will in the world on both sides, we had to anticipate, and do our best to prevent, mutual irritations that would naturally lead to misunderstandings and could not fail to impede in the war effort.

Except during World War I, the United States public has habitually looked upon Europe's quarrels as belonging to Europe alone. For this reason every American soldier coming to Britain was almost certain to consider himself a privileged crusader, sent there to help Britain out of a hole. He would expect to be treated as such. On the other hand, the British public looked upon itself as one of the saviours of democracy, particularly because, for an entire year, it had stood alone as the unbreakable opponent of Nazism and the European Axis. Failure to understand this attitude would, of course, have unfortunate results.

If the United Kingdom had possessed great open spaces in which to concentrate the American forces, the problem would have been less acute, but because of the density of population every soldier arriving in England made living conditions just that much

more difficult. Every American truck on the streets, and every piece of ground withdrawn from cultivation, added to the irritations.

Fortunately all this was foreseen and discussed frankly with the leaders of the British war effort. Our principal colonisation officer was Mr. Brendan Bracken, head of the Ministry of Information. He seemed to be as conversant with a figure in British life as Henry Hopkins was in ours, but he was always helpful to us and, equally important, he was decisive and energetic. He had another characteristic particularly noticeable among a people normally regarded as conservative and correct. Until I met him I had always regarded the American campfire as the world's greatest master of picturesque language. The effect of Bracken's language was always heightened by the rasping intensity of his voice.

Intensive programmes were undertaken, all designed to fit the newly arrived Americans into the highly complex life of a thickly populated area in such a way as to minimise trouble. Of these programmes, probably the most successful was indoctrination and education of both sides, coupled with deliberate intermingling in homes and public places. Through Brendan Bracken the British public was constantly informed as to what to expect. He explained the necessity for further accommodation and sacrifices among the whole population, and the need for tolerance. At the same time educational pamphlets and literature were distributed to American troops before their embarkation from the United States.

These were written in the vernacular and contained specific suggestions to facilitate the adjustment of American soldiers to the new environment.

Whenever possible, newly arrived American personnel were taken on a short tour through Britain's bombed areas. The American Red Cross and the several relief and welfare organisations of Great Britain helped in the determination of both sides, to a clear, simple, and commonly held understanding of our troops. An attendant deficiency was to the need for battle discipline and for incessant training in teamwork and in the employment of weapons.

Both subjects evoked frequent comment by observant press representatives. The matter could not be dismissed—as some commanders tried to do—with the complacent statement that all of this came about because the troops were not yet "blooded."

There has always existed a curious notion that instant perfection in these matters comes about with the first whistle of a hostile bullet. Admittedly there are certain things to be learned from battle experience that can be absorbed in no other way. On the other hand, any commander who permits a unit to enter battle lacking any advantage, any needed instruction, or any useful understanding that could be imparted to that unit beforehand, is guilty of a grave crime against the soldiers he leads.

That a soldier should understand why he is fighting would not seem to be a arguable point. Yet I have heard commanders attempt to oversimplify this psychological problem with the assertion that soldiers fight for only a few simple and essentially local reasons. Among these they include pride in a unit, respect for the opinion of comrades, and blind devotion to an immediate leader. These things are important and the wise commander will neglect none of them in his effort to produce a first-class fighting unit in which all the members are so trained that chances of success—and individual survival—are raised to the maximum. But the American soldier, in spite of wisecracking, sometimes cynical speech, is an intelligent human being who demands and deserves basic under-

standing of the reasons why his country took up arms and of the conflicting consequences of victory or defeat. Von Staeben commented vividly on this point during the American Revolution. He explained in a letter to a friend that in Europe you tell a soldier to do this, and he does it; and that in America it is necessary also to tell him why he does it.

Once the recruit of 1941 was inducted into the service the military leader had to shoulder almost exclusive responsibility for imparting such an understanding, but there was implied a glaring deficiency in our country's educational processes. It seemed to me that constant stressing of the individual rights and privileges of American citizenship had overshadowed the equally important truth that such individualism can be sustained only so long as the citizen accepts his full responsibility for the welfare of the nation that protects him in the exercise of these rights.

Belief in an underlying cause is fully as important to success in war as any local expedient. Induced or produced by whatever kind of command or leadership action, Cromwell's "Ironsides" marched into battle singing hymns. Their iron discipline was matched by an inner conviction that never deserted them in any kind of dramatic crisis.

Cromwell's Square, where our headquarters and the American Embassy were located, through the soldier's love of nicknames soon became "Eisenhowerplatz," and was so referred to, at times, in the press.

This was merely amusing, but the location made it difficult to lead a quiet personal life. British hospitality and the presence in London of a number of American friends combined to bring me numerous invitations of all kinds. Finally, to avoid the inescapable incidents of hotel life, I moved my personal quarters to a quiet little cottage on the edge of the city. I lived there with my family, a companion, Harry C. Butcher, and my orderly, Sergeant Michael McKeogh. Two Negro soldiers, Sergeants John Mooney and John Hunt, joined us to take care of the house and a simple mess. They stayed with me throughout the war.

From July onward I did not, during the war, accept any invitation except from the Prime Minister or from members of the American or British armed services. These always had business as their primary object.

Visits to the troops had not yet assumed their later proper form in my schedule. There were still relatively few units in the United Kingdom to visit. One of the earliest trips of this sort was in connection with our first offensive operation against the enemy—a bombing raid to celebrate July 4, 1942. The targets were four German aerodromes in Holland. Sir Boston, the commander of Captain Charles C. Kegelman, included as part of a larger British formation, ran into severe flak and two failed to return. To mark our entry into the European fighting I took time to visit the crews immediately before the take-off, and talked with the survivors after their return.

During the war Mr. Churchill maintained such close contact with all operations as to make him a virtual member of the British Chiefs of Staff; I cannot remember any major discussion with him in which he did not participate.

An inspirational leader, he seemed to typify Britain's courage and perseverance in adversity and its conservation in success. He was a man of extraordinary strength of conviction and a master in argument and debate. Completely devoted to winning the war and discharging his responsibility as Prime Minister of

Great Britain, he was difficult indeed to combat when conviction compelled disagreement with his views. In most cases problems were solved on a basis of almost instant agreement, but occasionally important issues arose where this was far from true. He could become intensely argumentative, even in discussion with a single person, but at the same time his intensity of purpose made his delivery seem natural and appropriate. He used humor and pathos with equal facility, and drew on everything from the Greek classics to Donald Duck for quotation, cliché, and forceful slant to support his position.

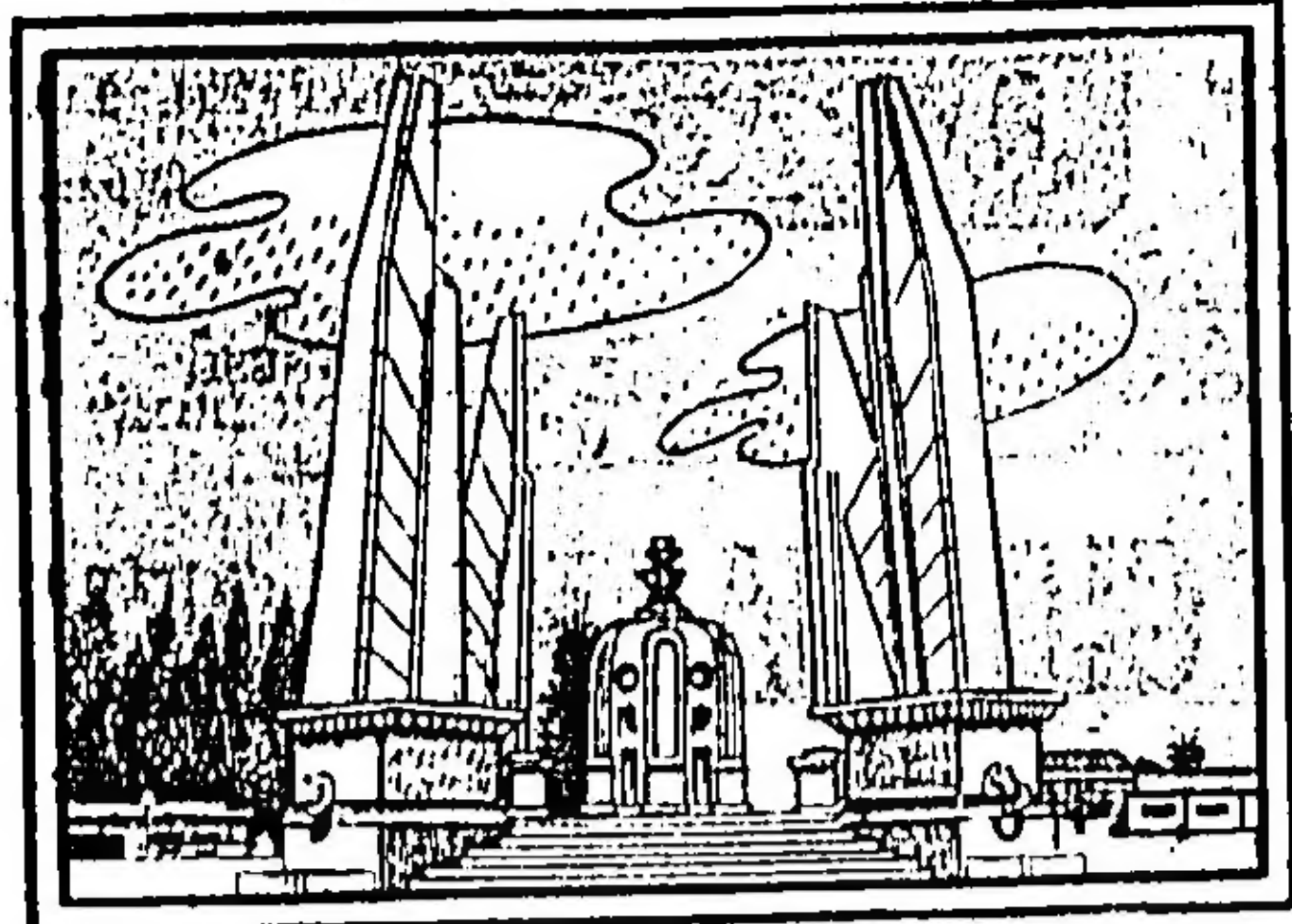
I admired and liked him. He knew this perfectly, and never hesitated to use that knowledge in his effort to bring me to his own line of thought in any argument. Yet in spite of his strength of purpose, in those instances where we found our convictions in direct opposition, he never once lost his friendly attitude toward me when I persisted in my own course, nor did he fail to respect with meticulous care the position I occupied as the senior American officer and, later, the Allied commander in Europe.

He was a keen student of the war's developments and of military history, and discussion with him, even on purely professional grounds, was never unprofitable. If he accepted a decision unwillingly, he accepted it with a willingness to have his own way, up to the very moment of execution. But once action was started he had a faculty for forgetting everything in his desire to get ahead, and invariably tried to provide British support in a greater degree than prompted. Some of the questions in which I found myself at various periods of the war, opposed to the Prime Minister, were among the most critical I faced, but so long as I was acting within the limits of my combined instinctive and authorized intervention except by persuasion or by complete destruction of the Allied concept.

Nevertheless, in countless ways, he could have made my task a harder one had he been anything less than big, and I shall always owe him an immeasurable debt of gratitude for his unfailing courtesy and zealous support, regardless of his dislike of some of our important decisions. He was a great war leader and he is a great man.

Our planning and organizational work sometimes involved differences in national conceptions that struck at the very foundation of our basic plan. These points were discussed in an atmosphere of cordiality and objectivity, but they were none the less serious. Whenever I found myself opposed to the views of the Prime Minister, he was, of course, supported by his War Cabinet and technical advisers. That differences should occur was inescapable and natural. Varying situations in national geography bring with them differences in military doctrine, and special war experiences bring with them still more differences in projected strategy. An early instance involved the proposed employment of our slowly developing bombing force.

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FIGHTING 20 MILES FROM HSUCHOW: CITY NORMAL

Shanghai Portuguese To Leave?

Shanghai, November 18. The newly-formed Portuguese Residents Association today announced that it is compiling a list of Portuguese nationals desiring evacuation at the request of the Portuguese Consulate General, and urged members to supply the necessary details either in person or in writing.

Formed only during the recent food crisis, the Association is at present issuing rationed bread and eggs to its members. It is learned that no decision has yet been reached where to send Shanghai's 2,000-odd Portuguese in the event of evacuation being necessary.—Reuter.

Marines Going To Tsingtao

Washington, November 18. The United States is speeding 1,000 more Marine to its naval station at Tsingtao, China, as a result of the Southward surge of Chinese Communists.

The Secretary of Defense, James Forrestal, disclosed this today. He said they will help evacuate Americans.

He did not make clear whether they would fight the communists if necessary to maintain the American position there.

From other sources it was learned that the Marines were being detached from Guam with light equipment and will arrive in China in a few days. Arrival of reinforcements will bring the Tsingtao marine force to 4,600.

Forrestal also told a news conference that two transports will arrive in Chinese ports, one on Thursday and one on Friday, to remove Americans fleeing from the path of advancing Communist armies.—Associated Press.

Three MP's Suspended

Sydney, November 17. Three Opposition Members, including a former Army Minister, Mr. Percy Spender, were suspended in the Federal House of Representatives in Canberra today after disorderly scenes when the acting leader of the Opposition proposed a motion of "no confidence whatsoever" in the Deputy Speaker.

The suspensions came after the Deputy Speaker, Mr. J. J. Clark, had ruled that they could not speak. Shouts of "Hill!" "Sit down, you nut!" and "Chuck him out!" were heard.

In the Victorian House Assembly in Melbourne tonight, Mr. S. M. Keon, Labour Member, was expelled after charging the Speaker, Mr. T. K. Malby, with being "the most biased Speaker ever to occupy the Chair."

Mr. Keon gave the Fascist salute as he walked out.—Reuter.

DP's TO FLY TO PALESTINE

Vienna, November 17. The first group of Jewish displaced persons to fly from Austria to Palestine will leave Salzburg on Monday morning.

The DP's will travel in a specially chartered Curtiss C-46. The trip will take 11 hours.

Another plane will leave Salzburg on Tuesday. Present plans call for 300 displaced persons to fly to Palestine.—Associated Press.

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Tanks In Action Against Reds

(By ARTHUR GOUL)

Hsueh, November 17. This North Kiangsu defence bastion of the Chinese Nationalist Government is as quiet today as if it were hundreds of miles from the battle zone. A casual visitor dropped here would have no inkling that nearly 1,000,000 men, Nationalists and Communist troops, are locked in desperate see-saw battles, East and South of this city.

The battles may determine the fate of Nanking, capital of Nationalist China.

There is no smoke of battle closer than 20 miles from Hsueh. The city and the people in it show no signs of hysteria. Operations at the city's two airfields, one North of the city and the other South, were continuing as normally as those at Lungchow, international airport in Shanghai.

East along the rail extending from a point 25 miles East of Hsueh to Sunken in Suanchen, 50 miles East of Hsueh, one of the biggest battles of the China war is being fought.

And within 20 miles South of Hsueh, big guns of both sides are roaring in artillery duels. Tanks and armoured cars are lobbing shells into Communist held villages in a steady rain and the Nationalist Air Forces bombers are swooping in low over Red artillery positions and dropping demolition bombs.

Bridges Down

Flying into Hsueh one can see how the fighting already has slashed the Government's lifeline railroad from Nanking at vital spots.

Long steel spans over river after river are in ruins. Long strings of loaded railway cars lie overturned, little more than piles of twisted wreckage. Locomotives lie spilled on their side.

The Government is determined not to lose Hsueh. I flew into Hsueh with a plane load of money from the Central Bank of China. It consisted of 14 huge cases of Gold Yuan to bolster the city's economy.

At the controls was Captain Roy Watts, former United States Air Force pilot. The plane was chartered from General Clark's Chennault's Civil Air Transport.

Lieutenant David Tang, fighter pilot of the Third Nationalist Fighter Group, described the situation as he saw it from the cockpit of a P-51 Mustang. He has been flying straining missions during the past 48 hours.

Tang said Hsueh was not endangered by Communist forces "as of right now" but added, "We have only 300,000 men. It can get serious any time."

Tanks In Action

As we talked, planes were coming in or taking off from the airfield one after another. There were Mustangs, light bombers, Mustang P-51's which were bought from the United States, old B-24 Liberator bombers such as those which saw service in the Pacific War and in Europe and C-46 transport planes.

What I saw personally were minor but dramatic episodes in this scattered and rather disorganised war. On our flight here I saw no armies locked in battle or on the march. But I saw tanks in action, towns on fire with gray-brown smoke spiralling upward through which the tongues of orange flames flicked. I saw transports dropping supplies to Government troops who were cut off. White parachutes blossomed beneath the planes and then I could see packages of supplies dangling beneath them. I could see

puffs of smoke from guns and then mushrooms of smoke and dust from the points the shells hit.

Towns Shelled

At one place an even dozen tanks spread in fanlike formation along a highway between two towns about two miles apart. Half of the tanks were shelling one of the towns and the other half lobbing shells into the other.

The first town was on fire. But the gunners firing at the second town were not. Their shells were flying over it and sending up plumes of muddy water from the surface of a small lake behind the town.

At several points I saw groups of guns firing into wooded areas. It was impossible to tell who was shelling whom or, for that matter, whether any forces at all were in the woods.

The Communists claimed that they controlled 50 miles of the railroad from Hsueh to Peking, next important junction to the South East. In the direction of Nanking. They said their control began at a point 30 miles North of Peking and continued to a point 20 miles from Hsueh. This may be true.

Flying along the rail line I could see no evidence of it except that almost all bridges were destroyed. Long strings of burned boxcars dotted the landscape like ropes of black beads.

Trains Trapped

Tang told me that these cars were bombed and strafed and were set afire by Government planes after the trains had been trapped by the Communists between destroyed bridges. The purpose, he said, was to destroy their cargoes of supplies as much as possible before they fell into Communist hands.

But in a zigzag flight of many miles covering both sides of the rail line we saw no large bodies of troops and no large scale actions. It was a scene of scattered destruction and isolated actions in which there are large areas of apparently peaceful Chinese countryside.

The Chinese war is fluid. The advantage shifts back and forth quickly. Chiang Kai-shek has put

JAPAN READY FOR MALAYAN TRADE

Tokyo, November 18.

Japan will be able to deliver all the goods Singapore and Malaya offer to buy, now that they have removed their own trade restrictions, SCAP officials said today.

Skull Was 30 Million Years Old

London, November 17. The skull of an African ape brought to London by air from Kenya was believed tonight by Professor W. E. Clark, Professor of Human Anatomy at Oxford University, to be 30,000,000 years old.

Professor Clark told newsmen at the Colonial Office after a fortnight's examination of the skull: "It was an ape from which came the group which at a later stage gave rise to man."

"It indicated that at the time when the Himalayan mountains and the Alps were being formed, a hitherto undiscovered type of anthropoid ape was running through East Africa."

Professor Clark stressed that his conclusions were not final and that he was continuing his examination of the skull.—Reuter.

GREEK CABINET

Athens, November 17. Leaders of the Greek Liberal and Radical parties tonight drafted the membership of a new Coalition Cabinet and expected to submit the list to King Paul tomorrow morning.

It was officially announced tonight that the new Cabinet is expected to be sworn in before mid-day.—Reuter.

Shanghai Russians Fearful

Shanghai, November 18. Shanghai's 7,000 odd White Russians, fearful of their fate should the city fall into the hands of the Chinese Communists, were told last night of plans for their evacuation in the event of Red occupation.

The Associated Press learned that at a far-east party at the Russian Ex-Officers' Club, for Father Nicodim, of the Russian Orthodox Church, the Chairman of the Russian Emigrants Association, G. K. Bologoff, had assured 50 White Russian guests that an appeal for help has been sounded to the governments of the world on behalf of Russian emigrants at Shanghai.

Father Nicodim is leaving for Argentina to urge the Argentine Government to speed up approval of immigration visas for White Russians in China so that they may escape possible retribution under the hands of the Red.

At present Argentina is one of the 14 countries of the world where Russian emigrants from Shanghai may go to start a new life away from what some White Russians called "the long arm of Soviet vengeance."

Shanghai's White Russians, for the most part, consist of refugees from the Russian revolution, including many Cossack officers and their families.

For the past few years, the Red danger has been a sword of Damocles poised over their heads, but never so closely as it is now. Negotiations are being conducted with the Chinese Government to evacuate White Russians from the Peking and Tientsin areas to Taiwan should the Chinese Communist threat to those cities increase.—Associated Press.

British Airlines Have Bad Year

London, November 17.

Britain's three State-owned airlines lost over £11 million last year, nearly £1 million more than in 1946, the first year of nationalisation, the Corporation's annual reports disclosed today.

The aggregate net loss of British Overseas, British European and British South American Airways for the financial

year ending March 31, 1948 was £11,085,709. In 1946-1947, British Overseas and British European Airways together lost £10,234,781, while the third and smallest corporation, British South American Airways, made a profit of £72,730.

British Overseas Airways' loss was slightly less than the previous year—£7,091,439, compared with £8,076,844, while British European Airways' loss increased from £2,157,937 to £3,573,089.

The BOAC report gave the main causes of last year's deficit "the multiplicity of types of uneconomical aircraft still in use, and the high cost of maintenance due to the number and location of the maintenance bases."

"Five Constellations have been bought for the Australian service, 22 Canadairs have been ordered, and the Hermes IV should be in operation on the Empire routes in 1949," the report said.

"The re-equipment of the fleet with these aircraft will entirely change the Corporation's financial prospects, and the Corporation should be self-supporting on its commercial routes within three or four years."—Reuter.

We can send them all the things they want—within reason," said a SCAP official. "It's up to them, not up to us."

He said the Singapore-Malaya area would find "no problem of supply or unwillingness to sell" on the part of SCAP or the Japanese.

Production is adequate to fill their orders, he added.

"But he emphasised that Singapore and Malaya still may face an imposing hurdle. He emphasised, however, that it is "their own, not ours."

There still is restriction on the amount of pounds sterling their government will release for purchases in a dollar area, as Japan is under SCAP.

"If Singapore and Malaya bought more from Japan than the Japanese bought from Malaya there would be an excess of sterling in SCAP's hand. It then would ask the Bank of England to redeem this excess sterling in dollars. The Singapore Government will guard against any such "dollar risk," officials said.—Associated Press.

Athens, November 17. The "Free Greek" Radio tonight claimed a Greek guerrilla raid on the famous peninsula of Ekkidiki, South East of Salonika, on which Mount Athos is situated.—Reuter.

Chinese Air Force Moving To Canton

Canton, November 18.

More than 200 aircraft and the personnel of the Chinese Air Force which has up to now been stationed at Hanyang, Hunan, are being transferred to Canton.

The transfer has already started.

Meantime there is news that the Kwangtung ground forces have been progressively increased in recent months. These regiments have recently augmented the Provincial Pacification Force, bringing its total strength to 19 regiments of almost 100,000 men. In the summer of this year there were 16 regiments and earlier on, 10.

At the same time it is reported that General Chung Pan, chief of the military training centre at Kukong, has been authorised to form a new army of three divisions which will be armed with modern American weapons.—Reuter.

Effect On Colony Of Civil War: Commons Queries

London, November 17.

The possible effects of the Chinese civil war developments on Hong Kong were discussed in the House of Commons today.

The influx of refugees from the war zones, and the stopping of illegal exports of valuable goods, were among questions brought up.

Mr. Vernon Bartlett, Independent, asked the Colonial Secretary what was being done to prevent uncontrolled large-scale immigration of Chinese into the "already over-crowded colony of Hong Kong due to the worsening of the situation in China."

Mr. David Rees Williams, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, replied that this problem had for some time been under consideration in Hong Kong.

"Physical and other difficulties in preventing the influx of refugees are obvious and it would only add to them if the Governor were asked to disclose any measure he may be able to devise for

meeting these difficulties," he added.

Mr. James Harrison, Labour, asked whether in view of the present conditions in China, the Minister would take every possible step to ensure that no illegal exports of valuable goods were permitted through the port of Hong Kong and whether he would also tighten up customs examinations between Kowloon and the Chinese hinterland.

Mr. Rees Williams replied that he was communicating with the Governor of Hong Kong and would let Mr. Harrison know the reply.

Mr. Harrison asked if the Minister fully appreciated, "in the present unfortunate circumstances," the importance of stopping all illegal traffic at this juncture.

Anglo-U.S. Talks

Mr. Rees Williams replied that his Department had always appreciated the necessity of stopping illegal traffic.

"It has always done this and will continue to do so," Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the British Government is in touch with the United States Government with a view to protecting British and United States nationals in China should that prove necessary.

This meant that plans were being made for protection and not evacuation, he added.

Mr. Mayhew rejected a suggestion by Mr. Bartlett that the United States Government should be consulted with a view to taking an immediate decision to send an Anglo-American force to Shanghai should the situation in China continue to deteriorate.

"There had been no inter-governmental conversations of that kind," he said, nor were any contemplated.—Reuter.

BY-ELECTION IN GLASGOW

Glasgow, November 17. Nominations of Thomas Galwey Dunlop Galloway, Conservative, and Thomas Alexander Macfarlane, Labour, were accepted today for the by-election in the Hillhead division of Glasgow, caused by the appointment of the Conservative member, Mr. J. S. Reid, K.C., as Lord of Appeal.

Polling will take place on November 25.—Reuter.

Pay Of Services Raised In House

London, November 17.

A statement on pay and allowances to men and women in the armed forces may be made by the Defence Minister, Mr. Alexander, next Wednesday.

When asked in Commons today to make a statement, Mr. Alexander said that if the question is put down next week he hoped to make a statement then.

Mr. P. A. Cobb, Labour, then asked the Minister, "What will be considered the question? He should not overlook the women's services where junior officers are being advised that in order to live they should have a private income of £100 a year."

Mr. Alexander said the women would be included in his statement.

The Secretary for Air, Mr. Arthur Henderson, answering another question concerning WAAF pay and conditions, said that under existing conditions officers and airwomen may accept casual civil spare time employment if they obtain permission which would not normally be withheld unless Service interest required it.

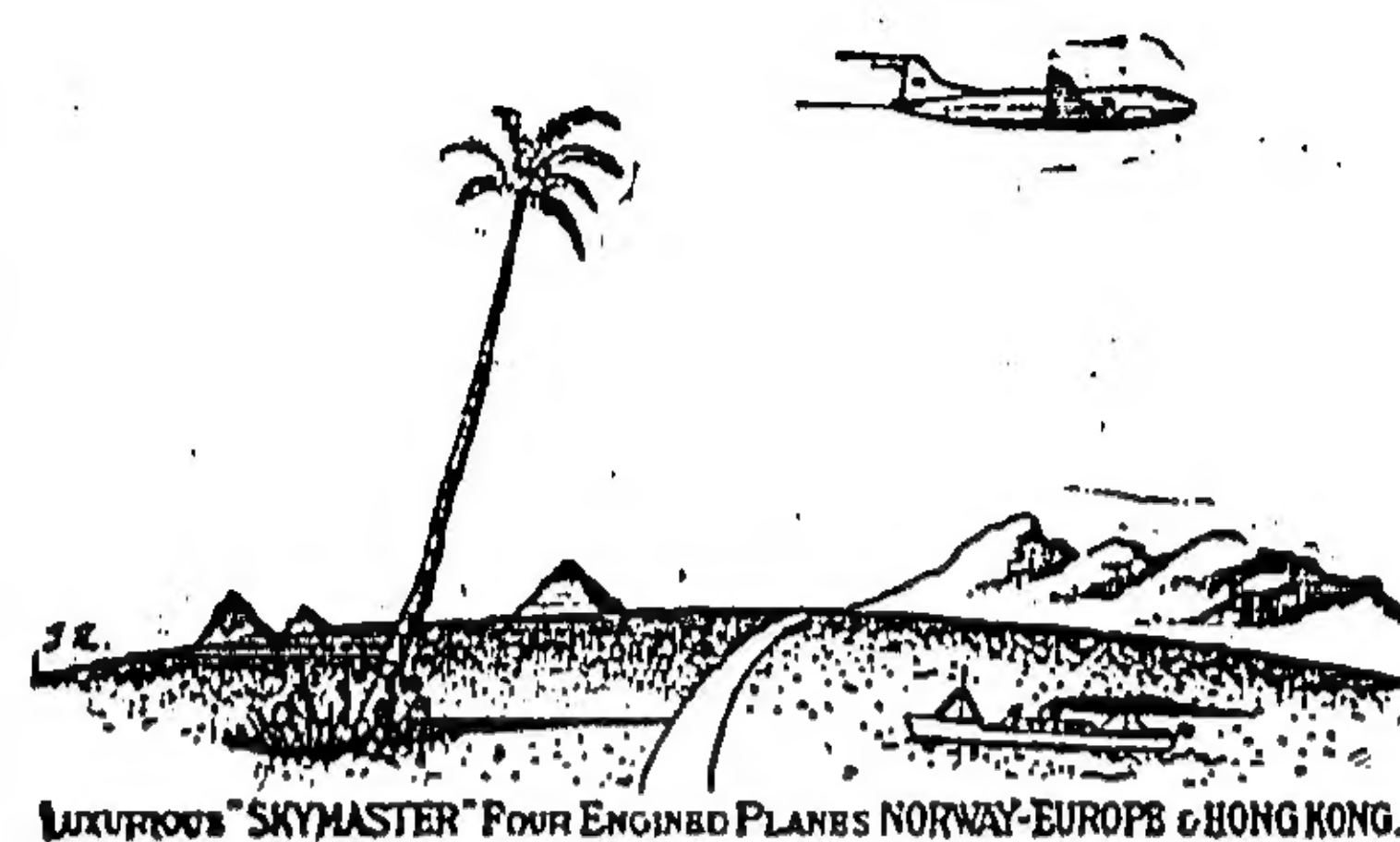
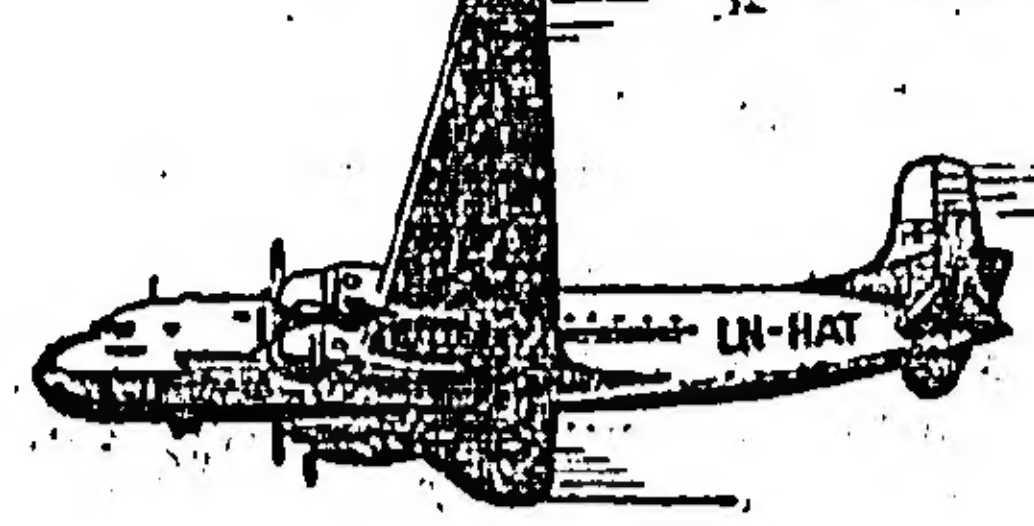
Answering Air Commodore A. V. Harvey, Member for Macleodfield, who asked for a statement on the proposed increases of pay and allowances for WAAF, Mr. Henderson said the Minister of Defence will make a statement soon.

Air Commodore Harvey further asked Mr. Henderson to impress upon his colleagues that many WAAF personnel were getting less than two-thirds of what the men were getting for doing the same type of work and that it was quite impossible to live on what they were being paid.—Reuter.

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Indian Republic To Remain In The Commonwealth

New Delhi, November 17.

India will remain within the Commonwealth after it becomes an independent republic, reliable sources said today.

The Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, is reported to have obtained an endorsement of this idea from the Congress Working Committee which is now meeting here.

Theory On Murder Of American

Vienna, November 17.

The Socialist newspaper, Arbeiter Zeitung, today speculated about the "obscure affairs" of Irving Ross, American murdered here last month, hinting that Ross was a double-dealing spy.

The paper commented that the murdered American "seems to have been involved in obscure affairs" and "took up" connections with both (American and Russian) sides.

Ross had been assigned to check Marshall plan supplies sent to Austrian factories in the Russian zone, making sure none was diverted into Russian hands. He was beaten to death by four Russian soldiers.

United States investigators said evidence so far uncovered indicated the motive for the crime may have been robbery rather than politics. The investigators have not yet been allowed by the Russians to interview Denis Superina, Russian woman who was with Ross at the time of the murder and who was injured by his assailants. —United Press.

NEW FINANCE MINISTER BUSY

Shanghai, November 18.

The newly appointed Minister of Finance, Mr. Hsu Kan, who assumed office last Monday, arrived here from Nanking yesterday afternoon and immediately plunged into conferences with bankers and import-export business leaders to discuss the promotion of foreign trade.

He is reported to have approved a revival of the "link system" aiming at facilitating the purchase of industrial materials and factory equipment from abroad with foreign exchange obtained with Chinese exports.

Business men here are hoping that the new Finance Minister will remove all obstacles to foreign trade, including what they describe as "unfair allocation of foreign exchange and discrimination in foreign exchange settlements for exporters." —Reuter.

AMERICAN REDS TO BE TRIED

New York, November 17.

The United States Federal Judge, Harold R. Medina today set January 17 for the trial of 12 high American Communist leaders.

They were indicted on charges that they conspired to organize the Communist Party as a group which advocates and teaches the overthrow of the United States Government by force. —Reuter.

Refugees Flowing Into South China

Canton, November 18.

The past few days have brought a marked increase of refugees, most of them wealthy ones, from North China. Among the people who arrived are families who have homes here but who left for Shanghai or Nanking during the summer and early autumn.

The influx of refugees, who are coming by plane, train and boat, has worsened the already acute problem of accommodation here. Many of them have gone to Macao where, it is said, vacant premises and other property are being bought up.

It is widely believed here that the military situation in the North deteriorates further, some foreign firms in Shanghai with branches in Canton may be transferring their head offices here. —Reuter.

New Legal Ruling On Evidence?

The Hague, November 17.

Albania today asked the International Court of Justice hearing the Corfu Channel mining case to give a general international ruling prohibiting emigration from giving legal evidence against the country they had abandoned.

Professor Pierre Cot, the representative for Albania, called for the ruling after saying the evidence given for Britain by M. Karel Kovacic, a former Yugoslav naval commander who fled his country, had no legal value against Albania.

Professor Cot asked the Court to accept as true facts a Yugoslav communiqué denying M. Kovacic's testimony that Yugoslav ships carried the mines which blew up two British destroyers in October, 1946.

M. Kovacic was absent from the Court room today for the first time since the case began. —Reuter.

Communist Calls Minister "Liar"

Paris, November 17.

The French National Assembly was suspended today after the Socialist Minister of the Interior, M. Jules Moch, had been called "Liar" by the Communist Deputy and miners' trade union leader, M. Auguste Lecoq.

The President of the National Assembly, M. Edouard Herriot, suspended the sitting shortly after the Assembly had resumed its debate on the Communist-led French strikes and the declaration by M. Moch that they were inspired by the Cominform.

M. Lecoq in a heated condemnation of governmental intervention in the strikes, accused the police of "barbarism." He alleged "miners were bludgeoned by the police." When the Minister for the Interior rose to protest, M. Lecoq turned to him and exclaimed: "You are a liar."

This was greeted by cheers from the Communist benches and counter protests from elsewhere. —Reuter.

Bramuglia Again Trying To Mediate Berlin Issue

Paris, November 17.

Hopes of solving the five-month-old Berlin deadlock were centred again today on Dr. Juan Bramuglia, President of the Security Council.

Dr. Herbert Evatt, General Assembly President, and Mr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General, this afternoon called on the Big Four powers "to lend their full and active support" to the Argentine Foreign Minister's mediation efforts.

This was after they had received replies to their week-end appeal for resumed negotiations.

They "noted with satisfaction" that all four powers indicate, in one form or another, their desire to reach a settlement of the Berlin question in the spirit of the General Assembly resolution of November 3, 1948.

The three Western Powers' replies to the earlier Evatt-Lie appeal were delivered today. All agreed that the Soviet blockade of Berlin remained the obstacle to resumption of negotiations.

After Dr. Evatt and Mr. Lie had restated their appeal, a UN source said a formal answer was not expected to it.

"What is wanted is an answer in deeds, not in words," he said. The new Evatt-Lie plea carries a significant shift in emphasis.

Efforts Continue

In their first letter to the Big Four Heads of State, Dr. Evatt and Mr. Lie cited an Assembly resolution calling upon East and West to end their quarrel. It also noted the effort to solve the Berlin case in the Security Council.

ACCUSED SAYS COURT NOT QUALIFIED

New Delhi, November 18.

V. R. Karkare, accused of conspiracy in the assassination of Mahatmas Gandhi, challenged yesterday the jurisdiction of the court trying him for murder.

He read a 37 page statement in the Marathi language saying the police charge sheet was "vague and not according to law," and that the court had not been "properly constituted nor legally invested with power and authority to try this case."

Karkare was the third man accused at the trial. N. V. Godse, who admits the actual shooting, accepts responsibility for the murder, but denied any one had conspired with him. N. A. Apte last Wednesday pleaded an alibi and innocence.

Karkare, plump, good humoured Hindu Brahmin, is 38 years old. He had been a prosperous hotel keeper in Ahmednagar.

The prosecution said he took a prominent part in the alleged conspiracy and further alleged he was present at the Gandhi prayer grounds when a bomb exploded there last January 20 and when Godse fired the fatal shots 10 days later.

Karkare said he was in Bombay when Gandhi was killed in New Delhi. He added he was engaged at the time in relief work among refugees in a Bombay camp. He said he never had been involved in violence but had been interested in staging peaceful demonstrations. —Associated Press.

ANGLO-DANISH FILM PACT

Newcastle, November 18.

Britain and Denmark have signed an agreement providing for the exchange of documentary films between the two countries. Mr. John Grierson, film controller in the Central Office of Information, stated here today.

Under the agreement, all documentaries, including technical films made in either country which are available to the other.

Mediation Effort On The Coast

Washington, November 17.

The United States Government today sent one of its top mediators to New York to try to end the crippling East Coast dock strike.

Mr. William Margolis, of the Federal Mediation Service, left by air for conferences with Union and Management leaders. Mr. Margolis' immediate objective is understood to be to get the two sides together. There have been no negotiations since the walk out started over a week ago.

Government officials are known to feel that the strike was engineered by left wing influences in the Union. Some feel that the strike developed chiefly from a challenge to the Union leadership of Mr. Joseph Ryan, who is regarded as anti-Communist.

They discount the theory expressed by some observers that left wingers wanted to cripple the European Recovery Aid Programme.

Mr. Ryan first accepted a ten-cent hourly wage increase offer from the stevedoring firms and recommended the Union groups to ratify contracts with such wage increases.

A number of union groups, however, mostly in New York, rejected the contract and demanded larger wage increases. —Associated Press.

Marshall Plan's Goal In Europe

Cincinnati, November 18.

The Economic Co-operation Administrator, Paul G. Hoffman, today described the goal of the Marshall plan as "a third increase in the income of the average worker of Europe."

Mr. Hoffman said the four-year recovery effort could achieve "solvent and a reasonably sound economy for Europe."

Such success is the world's best guarantee of peace, he declared, adding: "No aggressor will dare march against the free nations if they regain their strength and remain united." —Associated Press.

Orthodoxy "Leads U.S. Nowhere"

London, November 17.

A back-bench Labour MP told the House of Commons today that orthodox diplomatic procedure was "getting the people of the world nowhere."

He suggested that Britain accept the Evatt-Lie proposal for a meeting of the four powers on the Berlin crisis.

Mr. Emrys S. Hughes, after being told by the Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, that Britain had refused the proposal, said:

"Our refusal to agree to the request of these two eminent United Nations people, will be taken as hostile to the United Nations throughout the world and will be regarded as a thoroughly unreasonable attitude."

Mr. Mayhew said that he entirely disagreed with Mr. Hughes' assumptions.

W.N. Warboy, another Labour back-bencher, asked Mr. Mayhew to pay tribute to these two great world statesmen who are properly carrying out their

Shell Oil's Answer To Rumania

London, November 17.

The Shell Petroleum Company declared here today that the £7,000,000 fine imposed by Rumanian courts on their subsidiary, the Astra Romana Oil Company, is "the result of an action pursued by the Rumanian Government against the Astra Romana with the sole purpose of having this company confiscated."

A statement by the company said: "In June last, the nationalisation of all the British and American oil companies in Rumania was decreed and now, five months later, the Rumanian Government revokes its action against Astra and judges and condemns it after denying it the right to plead in its own defence."

"It is plain that this so-called judgment is merely a manoeuvre of the present Communist regime in Rumania aimed at reducing their responsibility for proper compensation."

It was announced in Bucharest last Saturday that a fine amounting to £7,180,000 had been imposed on the company's "former leadership" for "stealing oil from the State-owned subsoil." —Reuter.

DOORS OPENED TO "RIFF-RAFF"?

London, November 17.

A Communist M.P. expressed fear today that Britain has opened her doors to "any kind of riff-raff" by abolishing entrance visas for American visitors.

At the same time, he complained the United States had barred Britons from going to the U.S.

The Communist, Mr. Phil Piratin, asked the House why the United States had not abolished its visa for Britons, too.

Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Foreign Affairs Under-Secretary explained that it could not be because of immigration laws.

Mr. Piratin, brushed and asked Mr. Mayhew: "Are you not aware

that a certain very honest and respectable British citizen, the member of the House of Commons for Mile End, was refused a visa to enter the United States, while we in return are going to allow any kind of riff-raff into this country?"

Mr. Piratin, the member for Mile End, did not say anything when a Conservative, E. H. Keeling, wondered aloud whether Mr. Piratin's hopes for a visit were kept from doing away with visas.

—United Press.

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LONDON BRIBE SCANDAL

PROPOSITION FOR IMPORT OF FUN FAIR EQUIPMENT

Franco Allegation Denied

London, November 17. A Foreign Office spokesman today dismissed General Franco's reported claim in an interview that British intervention alone prevented a Spanish understanding with the United States "a long time ago."

In the interview, given in Madrid to the diplomatic correspondent of the American magazine, Newsweek, and to be published in New York tomorrow, General Franco said that "the British always interfere in Spanish-American relations."

The Foreign Office spokesman commented: "The British policy towards General Franco's regime is well known, has never been hidden and has been repeatedly stated in public by the Foreign Secretary and other responsible members of the Government."

He said that to the best of his knowledge there had never been any question of British intervention with the American State Department to prevent a Spanish-American agreement because it had never been necessary.

Observers in London believe that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the American Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, and the French Foreign Minister, Mr. Robert Schuman, recently agreed in Paris that it would be undesirable to make any move towards changing the existing relations between their nations and Franco Spain.—Reuter.

Trial Was Violation Of Treaty

London, November 17. The treason trial of the former Bulgarian Parliamentary Opposition leader, M. Kosta Lulchev, and eight other former deputies violated the peace treaty with Bulgaria, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

The trial, which ended in Sofia on Monday, had been "wholly contrary to the spirit of the peace treaty with Bulgaria and in a number of instances also contrary to the letter of the treaty."

The spokesman asserted that the British Government was considering whether it would take any action under the treaty about the trial.

Lulchev and his colleagues were convicted of acts of treason, sabotage and anti-Soviet activity by a Bulgarian regional court. The sentences ranged from five to 10 years' imprisonment with fines, M. Lulchev's being 15 years' imprisonment and a fine of 200,000 leva.

All the defendants were members of the Socialist Opposition to the Bulgarian Fatherland Front (Communist) Government.—Reuter.

HORTHY TO GO TO AMERICA?

Munich, November 17. The former Hungarian Regent, M. Miklos Horthy, now living in Upper Bavaria, is expected to emigrate to South America with his wife, daughter in law and grandson, the German news agency, DPD, reported tonight.—Reuter.

Call For General Strike In France

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The general dock strike will come only 24 hours after the Interior Minister, Jules Moch, told

London, November 17. The Judicial Tribunal appointed by Parliament to investigate accusations of corruption of Ministers and Government officials heard today the testimony of Mr. Jacobs Harris, the proprietor of a number of amusement arcades in London.

Mr. Harris, a stout grey-haired man, had desired to obtain licences to import automatic amusement machines from the United States.

His negotiations brought him into contact with the agent, Solomon Wulkan, alias Sidney Stanley.

Replying to questions, Mr. Harris agreed that Stanley mentioned the name of Mr. John Belcher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade. Mr. Harris added: "Mr. Stanley mentioned everybody's name from Mr. Attlee downwards."

Mr. Harris discussed the deal with Mr. Francis Cecil Price, a London business man. Price told him that Stanley was "the biggest villain unbug."

Harris said that Stanley was under the impression that Stanley was to get £10,000 for surrendering his own unused import quota so that the equipment could be brought from the United States.

He denied that there had been any suggestion of bribery in the payment of this sum. Price had asked him if he thought anyone at the Board of Trade was going to get a share of the money. He had replied that he did not think so.

"This Sort Of Thing"

Asked for more details about his conversation with Price, Harris quoted Price as saying: "This is the sort of thing you get when a country is being run by 20 shillings a week railway clerks."

Any doubts he might have had about Stanley were dispelled by Mr. Alfred Bieber, the solicitor who introduced them and who drew up documents in connection with the fun fair equipment.

Sir Hartley Shawcross, acting for the Crown, put it to Harris that the statement he had made to the police had been dictated by Bieber. Witness denied this.

Sir Hartley questioned Harris about two brothers named Davis who were approached to put up £10,000 to be paid in connection with the fun fair equipment proposition.

"Too Ridiculous"

Witness said he had told the brothers that he would put up £200 of a sum of £2,000 which Stanley was to receive at the very start of the negotiations.

Sir Hartley: "I put it to you that this was in fact a confidence trick to induce the Davis brothers to put up £2,000 and that from beginning to end you did not intend to put a penny into it?"

Harris: "That is too ridiculous to suggest. I am not a confidence trickster."

Henry Self, an amusement caterer, said he had been asked to come into a proposition to import fun fair equipment. He gathered that £10,000 was to be paid to Stanley as commission for obtaining facilities.

Personal Friends

Witness said he decided to go further into the matter because he was curious to know how such a huge amount of machinery could be brought into the country so easily when it had taken him a long time to get a small amount.

He visited Stanley's flat and got the impression that Stanley was trying to impress him. "He mentioned names of people he knew—among them Mr. Attlee, Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr. Belcher and Mr. Gibson, and names of a lot of important industrial people."

Sir Hartley asked witness if Harris had said that Mr. Belcher and Mr. Glenvil Hall were to get something out of the deal—"were making fortunes out of it?"

Witness: "I don't know."

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the National Assembly that Russia and its satellites are fomenting and financing strikes in France in a deliberate attempt to wreck the Marshall plan.

The dock strike, coming on the heels of the American dock strike, will seal off France from all Marshall plan shipments.

These have already been slowed down by the refusal of Communist dockers in some ports to unload coal cargoes.

In the National Assembly, the Communist deputies filed insults and taunts at the Government. The session became so unruly at one time that its elderly President, Edouard Herriot, called an adjournment. The Communists denounced Moch as a liar, coward and murderer.—United Press.

1939 Pact May Be Terminated

London, November 17. The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, told the House of Commons today that Britain is considering terminating the Anglo-Polish agreement of August 25, 1939.

A Foreign Office spokesman said tonight that the 1939 treaty was designed to meet a very specific circumstance which now no longer existed. While the treaty itself provided for mutual aid in the case of either Britain or Poland being attacked by "a European power," the protocol to the treaty specifically said that the term "European power" was to mean Germany.

Since 1939, Poland's frontiers with Germany have changed completely although the new border-line has not yet been formally agreed to by Britain.

This, it is understood, is the chief circumstance which makes the 1939 treaty inapplicable. Further, Article 2 of the treaty was based on the hypothesis of a possible attack by "another European State" on Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia—countries which since 1939 have become part of the Soviet Union.—Reuter.

Protests On Ruhr To Be Ignored

Washington, November 17. It was made clear in official circles today that the United States will not reverse the Anglo-American decision to turn the basic Ruhr industries over to German trustees despite repeated French protests.

The last protest was delivered yesterday by the French Ambassador, Henri Bonnet, to the Acting Secretary of State, Robert Lovett.

Officials here show complete sympathy with the French desire for security against a possible resurgence of a belligerent Germany, using the Ruhr industries for renewed aggression.

Mystery Diamonds In Garden

London, November 18. Detectives today dug out of a suburban garden a mysterious cache of diamonds valued by Scotland Yard at £10,000.

A Scotland Yard spokesman declined to confirm or deny London newspaper reports that the gems were believed to be a consignment from South Africa which disappeared while on the way to London by air three years ago.

The diamonds were packed in tins which had been wrapped in cloth, the spokesman said.

The cloth had rotted away and the men who found the cache think it may have been there from one to three years.

The stones were cut and polished but not mounted.

They were found in the garden of a house in suburban Seven Kings.

Another report was that the stones vanished from the mails between England and the Continent on an unspecified date.—Associated Press.

ERP Supplies Held Up

Washington, November 17. Marshall Aid officials estimated today that approximately 140,000 tons of recovery supplies destined for Europe had been held up at East Coast ports because of the dockers' strike.

They said shipments totalling 20,000 tons daily were moving toward the strike-bound North Atlantic ports where all cargoes except coal and grain had been tied up.

Thus far the strike had had little effect on any of the 10 Marshall Plan countries, but the increasing number of enquiries from European nations "make it plain some are worried," they said.—Reuter.

FORRESTAL TO CARRY ON

Washington, November 17. The United States Secretary of Defense, Mr. James Forrestal, denied reports of his intended resignation by telling newsmen here today that he would stay on "at the service of the President."—Reuter.

RUSSIA ATTACKS U.S. PLANS IN THE UN

Paris, November 17. The Soviet Union's United Nations delegate, Mr. Jacob Malik, alleged tonight that the United States intended to by-pass the Security Council veto.

They would do this, he said, by introducing the problems of Palestine, Greece, the Italian colonies and Korea into the "Little Assembly."

Addressing the minor Political Committee, concerned with the setting up of a permanent Interim Committee—"Little Assembly"—to work between United Nations sessions, Mr. Malik said that this was an illegal and unconstitutional attempt to set up an organ in competition to the Security Council, and would lead to the splitting up of the United Nations.

As it was operated in the past, and as conceived for the future, the Interim Committee would be an offshoot of the General Assembly, and therefore not subject to the veto.

At the beginning of the debate this morning, Mr. John Foster Dulles, the United States delegate, said that special care had been taken to see that it did not touch on the territory of the Security Council, by the rule that it could not discuss anything on the Council's agenda.

Dismissing this argument, Mr. Malik said that the intention of the Western Powers was to set up a body not only equal, but actually more powerful than the Security Council.

He recalled the action of the Interim Committee, boycotted by the Soviet Union, earlier this year

in recommending the holding of elections in Southern Korea, and said: "This was an illegal measure, an important political decision, not even within the purview of the General Assembly."

"The draft also proposes to grant to the Interim Committee powers to discuss questions referred by the Security Council to the General Assembly."

"Quite Clear"

"Thus, it is placed above the Security Council."

"This is in direct contravention to the Charter, which lays down that the Security Council shall have primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security."

Mr. Malik also said that the Committee's decisions on Korea had been very favourable to the Americans and their monopolies.

"It is quite clear that the United States intends to transfer to the Interim Committee not only Korea, but also the Italian colonies, Greece and Palestine.—Reuter."

Cabarets In Danger

Canton, November 18. The fate of nine dancing halls here is again hanging in the balance.

Early this year they escaped being closed down by pleading certain dire hardship for the large number of hostesses and other employees. Now they are facing extinction again since the Central Authorities are reported to have asked the local Municipal Government why the dance halls are still in existence.

It is further reported that local authorities have suggested that the cabarets be closed down at the rate of one a month which, if the suggestion is carried out, would see the end of dance halls here by August next year.

Whether the plan will be put into effect will depend upon the Central Authorities' reception of it.—Reuter.

Sudan Election Results

Khartoum, November 17. The Independence Front, which aims at ultimate self-government and independence, has gained a majority on the projected Sudan Legislative Assembly, partial results of the first general election in the country showed today.

Of 46 returns so far, the Independence Front has won 33 seats and has the support of a number of independent members.

There are 65 seats on the Assembly.

The other main Party favours Union with Egypt.—Associated Press.

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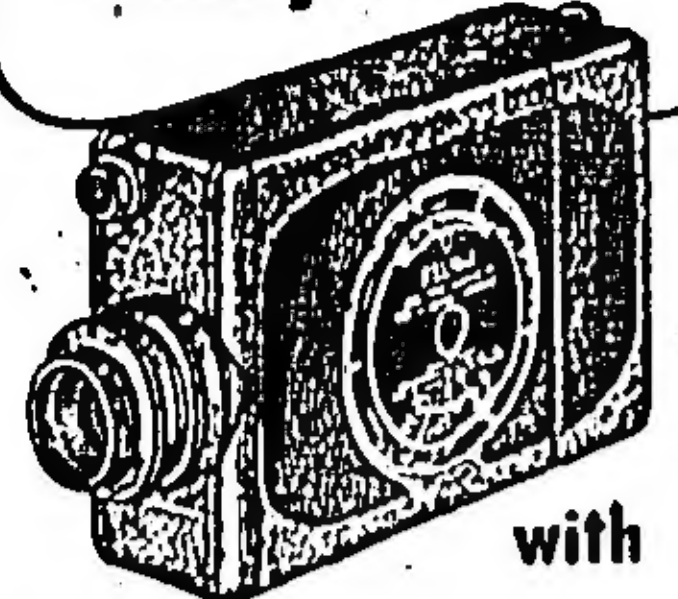
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SHADOWS BEFORE

"DIARY OF A CHAMBERMAID"
(Lee)
STARS: Paulette Goddard, Burgess Meredith.

A once-popular term overworked by the more avuncular type of novelist in describing a female of uncertain virtue but undeniable charms was "a saucy baggage". It conveys just about the right degree of bowdlerized naughtiness which Miss Goddard displays as the ego of the "The Diary Of A Chambermaid".

Frilly and pointless as it may be, "The Diary" exhibits a great deal of merit in the acting and direction departments. This many an epic has lacked. This, of course, is only as it should be with the original story by Octave de Benedicet Bogauss and Burgess Meredith and direction by Jean Renoir.

La Goddard is no Bernhardt but with the capable direction which she receives in this film she is amiable as the prelate-minded maid with the complex love-life.

Bouquets could be handed out fairly liberally to the other members of the cast without descending to the ridiculous, but the hand-wrought solid-silver bowl for brilliance must go to Burgess Meredith. He plays the part of Captain Mauger, a senile veteran of the French army with an acute attack of chambermaid fever. His mad caperings could so easily have become third-rate slapstick—but they do not.

Probably as the result of Jean Renoir's direction, "The Diary" maintains the most authentic French atmosphere (of the type conveyed by the story) of almost any Hollywood film in that category. (United Artists)

"A GUY NAMED JOE"
STARS: (Queen's) Spencer Tracy, Irene Dunne, Van Johnson, Esther Williams.

Hollywood has given heaven many forms in its time. The favourite seems to be the result of frolics between a mammoth railway station and a palais de danse.

"Joe" we have a new version. Heaven is a sort of super finishing school for flying instructors, and military flying instructors at that. The

"Commanding Officer" is none other than Lionel Barrymore, all tuffed up in a very superior uniform.

However, this is all quite incidental to the main scenery in the picture. It is there solely to permit Spencer Tracy being sent down from the celestial haven (after he steals the picture of a hero's death) to guide unseen the stumbling footsteps of a youth in the air force.

The youth is Van Johnson and anyone who cares to be branded a heretic might dare to suggest that he nearly steals the picture from Tracy. This is partly due to the fact that he is given in part with a good deal of humour in it and a chance to do some very natural acting, while Tracy, though his usual polished self and well worth paying to watch, is given a lot of moralising and philosophising to perform, which gets a little tedious once or twice.

Lionel Barrymore is unfortunate in this respect, too. In the second of his two brief appearances he has to put across a bond-selling speech, heavily larded with "what we are fighting for" talk, which even his genius cannot change into anything worthwhile.

Irene Dunne is more than pleasing as a Ferry Command pilot who keeps on popping up at opportune moments.

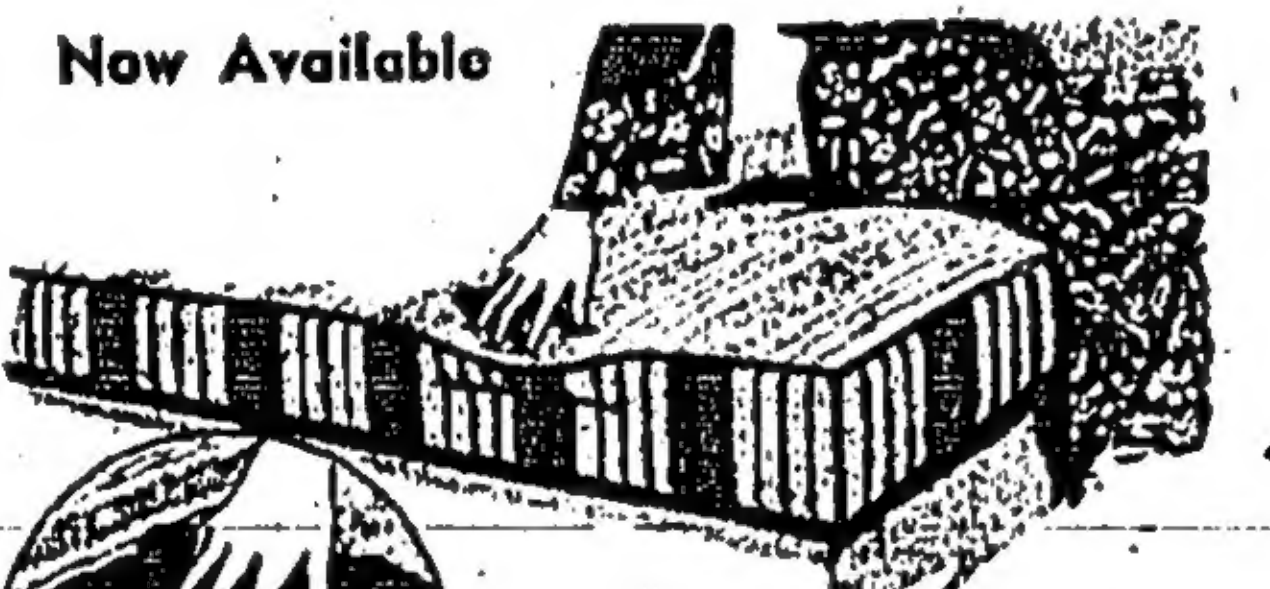
Presented with a real half-shirt of a part from the place in the story where Tracy gets killed, which is fairly early on, Miss Dunne is his ever-loving fiancée and is required to go through most of the remainder of the film in a cloud of soul-destroying grief.

That she does not go down completely is much to her credit.

The climax of the story is undoubtedly the weakest point. The fearless aviator performs an act of daring and valour unbelievable for a man of the most part consistently good, falls flat on his face at the end.

Incidentally, Esther Williams, who got her name in lights along with the rest of the show's stars, appears once, in a brief scene which runs the ending a close second in being the one most worthy of omission.

For the air-minded there are some fair flying sequences. Oddly enough, the scenes of aerial combat are "of particularly convincing nature." (MGM)



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A Practical Demonstration

When 29-year-old British actor Richard Todd returned to his house in Gertrude Street, Chelsea, London, after a string day at Welwyn film studios, he discovered that his home had been burgled. And that was more of a surprise to him than it would be to most people because Richard Todd plays a leading part in the Associated British picture "FOR THEM THAT TREB-PASS"—a burglar!

While he was filming a scene where he leaves London to do a 'job' in Glasgow, the real burglars were quietly getting away with some of his property.

Little was stolen apart from some cash and personal items as the thieves were evidently disturbed before they had made a thorough search of the place. Police are now investigating the robbery while at the studios Richard Todd stands daily in the reconstructed dock at the 'Old Bailey'.

"TYCOON" (King's).
STARS: John Wayne, Laraine Day.

Any amount of rugged action in rugged scenery by rugged men makes "Tycoon" a fairly sure winner in the box-office stakes.

Add to those ingredients a powerful, unscrupulous millionaire who cares not a jot for the safety of the men who work for him, and who has a beautiful daughter with whom the true-blue, never-say-die hero falls in love and wins against the father's wishes, you have quite a supply of the thrill-and-romance mixture pre-eribed by all the best doctors (Hollywood style) for almost any ailment.

As the story goes, Frederick Alexander (Sir Cedric Hardwicke), an American industrial tycoon, contracts with Johnny Munroe (John Wayne) and his

partner, Mathews (James Gleason), to build a railroad from his mines in the Andes to the coast. Johnny wants to bridge a river but Alexander insists on a shorter line involving a tunnel.

The tunnelled rock proves treacherous (yes, the right, it collapses and buries some of the workers). About the same time that the tunnel starts playing up, a few elemental passions begin to manifest themselves between Johnny and the tycoon's beautiful daughter Maura (Laraine Day).

This irritates old moneybags to some tune which is nothing compared with the super-sensory spexy which grips him when he discovers that the two lovebirds have got themselves into a tangled jungle and have had to spend the night at an Inca ruin. He insists on immediate marriage, which seems a little drastic, and the happy couple take up residence at the tunnel workings (in view of the housing shortage it is a wonder they did not set up house right in the tunnel).

From this point the fireworks start popping in earnest. What with the tunnel collapsing, then being blown up by the peeved hero; the equally peeved wife parcelling up the remnants of her illusions and taking them home to daddy; the bridge which the engineers start to build in place of the tunnel coming to grief in a flood in a wonderful destruction scene; and the final incredible but which everything pans out sweetly into unexpected anticlimax in and smoothly for all concerned; there is never a dull moment.

"THE TWO MRS. CARROLL"
(Lee).

STARS: Humphrey Bogart, Barbara Stanwyck, Alexis Smith.

This most recent version of the stage play of the same name by Martin Vale is no mean effort, without being in the least likely to set the town burning.

Our "Boggy" it turns out, is capable of being quite a honey in his own right when given the chance. He has more to him than his usual part of a list-slitting, fast-shooting hero with a frank approach to ladies allows him demonstrate.



John Wayne and Laraine Day in "Tycoon."

The story, of course, concerns a Geoffrey Carroll who has a certain definite method of executing that little transition "cutting" referred to as "off with the old love, on with the new" or something like that. Being the marrying type Mr. Carroll finds it impossible merely to his last fancy preparatory to moving into a clench with the new.

Some men might have either found a solution to their problems slightly less perilous, or have curbed their inclinations. But to be perfectly frank, our Mr. Carroll is just a shade tizzzy in the temples at times. In brief, he is insane. So, when the partnership begins to pall, he hands out poison with the ration.

Barbara Stanwyck is the second Mrs. Carroll and is most convincing as the completely happy and unsuspecting wife of a man who to her, is a good husband as well as a famous painter (portrait, not house).

The curvy Alexis Smith bobs up and immediately starts to gum up the works. As an actress Miss Smith might well be called beautifully wooden. But as a one-track-minded siren, seductive to a degree (about the hundredth of the centigrade scale) she is eminently satisfactory.

"Things begin to sizzle (even when Miss Smith is not present) and the camera leaves one seeing like the towel on the exit side of a ringier. For this and the many other titbits of suspense and surprise throughout the film

one can presumably thank producer Mark Hellinger, who was never lacking in imagination or a sense of the unexpected.

Mention should be made of Ann Carter. She plays the daughter (by his first wife) of Geoffrey Carroll, and is called upon to do a lot of solid performing. She is on top of it every time. (Warners)

"NORTHWEST OUTPOST"
Queen's.

STARS: Nelson Eddy, Ilona Massey.

Lying loosely between the brackets of light opera and musical comedy this little phantasy is ineptly titled.

There is, it is true, one scene in which a bunch of soldiers depart the scene of action for a short time to return utterly battered and bleeding after what the audience is given to believe to have been an affray with the Indians, but that is the only happening coincident with the customary expectations on seeing such a title.

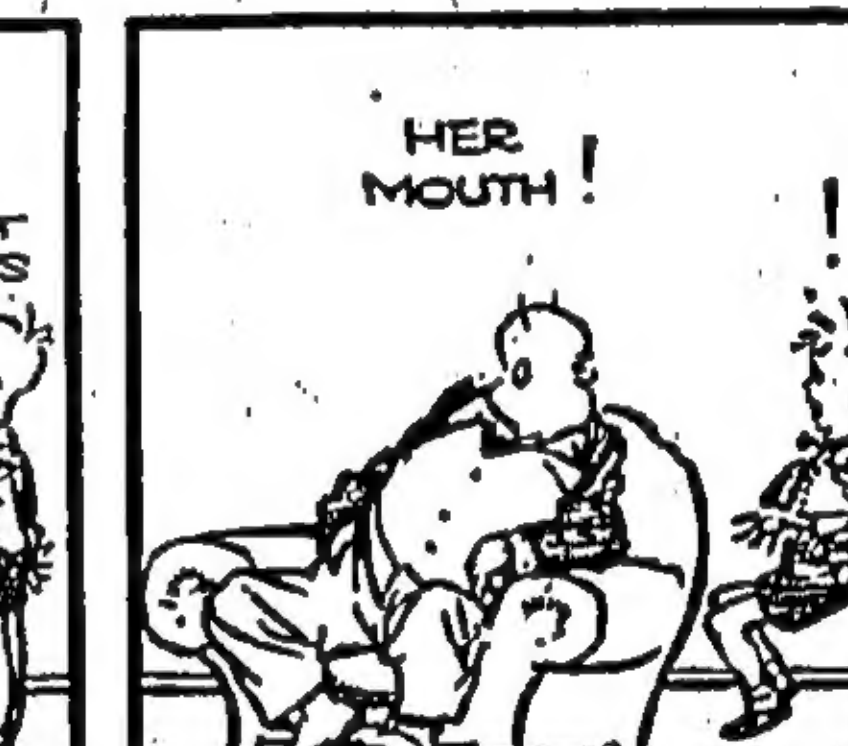
For the rest it is an uninspired tale of some mildly tortuous goings-on in a Russian outpost in California about a century ago. It gives Ilona Massey many opportunities to display her beauty satisfactorily, and to both her and Nelson Eddy it gives adequate openings to tra-la-la effectively together and apart.

The music for this confection is by Rudolph Friml and is in his best light operatic style.

There is also some acting in "Northwest Outpost" though of course neither Mr. Eddy nor Miss Massey can be held responsible for that. Their abilities (and possibly even their inclinations) are only vocal, the fripperies of histrionics being left in this instance to Elan Lancaster.

She is a duchess (or a countess, or a princess—the memory eludes and it is supremely unimportant anyway) and she has a fairly heavy cross to bear in the shape of a husband who is over-ambitious but not towards her. The cynical tolerance with which she handles her indelicacy and his flirts is worth at least half the price of admission on its own. (Republic)

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"Abandon Concept Of Jewish State" Appeal

Paris, November 17.

The leading Arab figure of the United Nations, Faris El Khoury Bey, in a two-hour speech today, made a passionate appeal in the Political Committee for abolition of the concept of a Jewish State.

He denied that the General Assembly had any right to create such a State.

In any case, those delegates who have voted for partition represented only 500 million of the world's population, while those who had avoided voting for the plan represented 1,000 million.

"There is no provision in international practice in law, to allow foreigners, invaders, intruders, outsiders to swarm into a country, settle there and impose themselves upon the majority native population," Faris Bey said.

He reproached the General Assembly and the Security Council for rejecting his many efforts to ask the International Court of Justice to pronounce upon whether the partition plan was based on law and equity.

Why do not the displaced Jews go back to the countries from which they were driven? There used to be three and a half million Jews in Poland, he said.

Ridiculous Claim

"We are told that only half a million of these survived. Why does not the Polish Government share among these survivors the homes, the property, the wealth of the original numbers?"

That would mean each Polish Jew would now be some six times richer than he was before the war, said Faris Bey. "He would be able to live in peace and happiness in his own country."

The Jews who were persecuted in Germany can now safely live there, since Nazism and Fascism have been stamped out and democracy established. Faris Bey contended that it was ridiculous to claim the existence of a Jewish race or nation. "Most of the Jews now in Palestine, or those who intend to come there are not children of Israel," he said. He argued that they were of all races and added that most of the Jews of Eastern Europe, the majority of the immigrants, were descendants of the Mongolian Kassar tribe, which was converted to Judaism in the 13th century when it was spread around the northern shores of the Caspian Sea.

Liberal Offer

Faris Bey added, however, "let us accept the Jews already in Palestine, whether legally or

illegally, let us make them all legitimate citizens of Palestine, and let us establish a single State with a democratic constitution."

"Let this constitution be either central, as in France, federal as in the United States, or cantonal as in Switzerland."

"And let the minorities have a certain amount of local autonomy. This is a liberal offer, a very tolerant and very generous one—to accept these invaders and intruders from all over the world."

He warned the United Nations that any attempt to enforce the Bernadotte proposals would make the Middle East a permanent storm centre.

"The Arab States would for ever be forced to arm, to resist, to fight," he said.

The delegate of Iraq said that the British and Americans had accepted partition in the first place "to perpetuate in the East the Balkanisation which, for them, is a guarantee of equilibrium," he declared.

"Terrible Ulcer"

After the British withdrawal the Arabs could almost have liquidated Zionism, had not Count Bernadotte come along to ask for four weeks' truce, in which to study the problem.

"We accepted it out of loyalty to the United Nations. But the Jews did so in order to group their forces and get more arms."

"The Arab Governments had hoped that Count Bernadotte would produce a peaceful solution, but when they saw that it was grounded on the idea of partition, they could not entertain it."

The Iraq delegate warned the Committee that 40 million Arabs in seven States surrounded Palestine. Linked with these there were millions of North African Arabs and 400 million other Moslems.

"The question goes far beyond little Palestine," he said.

"A Jewish State can become a terrible ulcer, a permanent threat of disturbance in a region which is particularly vulnerable to such disturbances,"—Reuter.

WIDOW'S KILLER TO BE HANGED

Norwich, November 17.

Stanley Joseph Clark, aged 34, of Great Yarmouth, is to be executed at Norwich Prison tomorrow for the murder of a widow, Florence May Bentley, who died after being stabbed at a Yarmouth boarding house.

Clark will be that first person to be hanged in Britain since February.

Since the attempted inclusion of the "no hanging" clause in the Criminal Justice Bill a number of murderers have been reprieved. On Friday, Peter Griffiths, aged 22, is to be executed at Liverpool for the murder of three-year-old June Ann Devaney.—Reuter.

Armed Aid By US Is "Essential"

Washington, November 17.

The United States Defence Secretary, Mr. James Forrestal, declared today that armed United States aid to Western Europe was essential to guarantee that area's security and economic recovery.

He was speaking at a press conference on his return from a six day tour of Europe which he spent finding out "what we could and what we should do."

Mr. Forrestal said he would discuss the projected military aid programme for Europe, an aid programme for Europe and his impressions gained in Paris, Berlin and London with President Truman whom he will visit in Key West, Florida, tomorrow.

He refused to commit himself on the extent of American armed aid or the likely dollar expenditure involved.

Mr. Forrestal declared: "I want to say that this will not be arming for war—arming is a manifestation of national confidence essential for security and economic recovery."

Mr. Forrestal said: "As with the European Recovery programme, efforts by Europe must precede anything we do. I think these efforts are being done now."

He said equal emphasis on his conviction that the programme must be a "two-way and a parallel operation."

Weather Experts In Conference

New Delhi, November 17.

The Asian conference of weather experts, meeting here since November 10, today appointed two sub-commissions:

One, on agricultural meteorology with India, Pakistan, SCAP, Indo-China, Iran, Japan and the USSR as members, and one on hydrology with China, Japan, Indo-China, the Philippines, India, Pakistan and the USSR as members.

Duties will include advising members of the Asian region and working in close collaboration with the permanent commissions of the International Meteorological Organisation.

The present session is to end on Friday.—Associated Press.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

San Francisco, November 18.

Steamer Star Reefer sailed on Tuesday for Yokohama; tanker Moss Bay for Manila.

Seattle: Steamer General H. B. Freeman arrived from Yokohama. Fred C. Alsworth sailed for Yokohama.

Tacoma: Steamer Andre F. Luckenbach sailed for Yokohama.—Associated Press.

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Noah's Ark Said Found On Ararat

Istanbul, November 18.

The petrified remains of an object which peasants insist resembles a ship have been found high up Mount Ararat, biblical landing place of Noah's ark.

Apparently hidden for centuries, it came to light when unusually warm weather melted away an ancient mantle of ice and snow.

While various persons have from time to time reported seeing objects resembling a "house" or a "ship" on the mountain, Turks who have seen this profess it to be the only known object which actually could be taken as the remains of a ship.

A Kurdish farmer named Reshit was about two-thirds of the way up the 16,000 foot peak when he came upon an object he had never seen before, although he had been up the mountain many times. He moved about it and then climbed higher to look down on it.

There, Reshit exclaimed, was the prow of a ship protruding into a canyon down which tons of melted ice and snow had been gushing for more than two months.

The prow was almost entirely revealed, but the rest of the form was still covered.

A Ship

But the contour of the earth, Reshit said, indicated the invisible part of the object was shaped "like a ship. The prow

he added, was about the size of a house. It came down to it and with his dagger tried to break off a piece. It was so hard it would not break. It was blackened with age. It was not, Reshit insisted, a simple rock formation.

"I know a ship when I see one," he said. "This is a ship." According to the Bible, the ship in which Noah and the chosen people escaped the great flood was triple decked, had a length of 430½ feet, was 73 feet wide and had a height of 43 feet. An expedition from America bent on finding remains of the Ark announced last summer that it was coming out to see what it could find, but no one out East has reported on foreign visitors.—Associated Press.

\$3,000 MILLION IN ERP

Washington, November 18.

Distribution of Marshall Plan Aid funds has passed the \$3,000,000,000 mark.

The allocations announced today totalled \$47,527,240 bringing the total aid for all countries to date to \$3,008,440,839.—Reuter.

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sails 23rd Dec. for London via Straits, Colombo & Continent.

M.S. "SURAT" due 2nd Jan. from London & Continent via Straits.

sails 5th Jan. for Shanghai & Japan.

M.S. "TREVANION" due 5th Jan. from London & Continent via Straits.

sails 17th Jan. from London, Bombay & Straits.

M.S. "CANTON" due 21st Jan. from Japan, Colombo, Bombay & London.

M.S. "SURAT" sails mid Jan. for London & Continent via Straits & Colombo.

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M.S. "SIRDHANA" (Apar Line) due 4th Jan. from Calcutta via Rangoon & Straits.

sails 7th Jan. for Amoy, Japan & Shanghai.

M.S. "SHIRALA" due 17th Jan. from Calcutta via Rangoon & Straits.

(Apar Line) sails 20th Jan. for Amoy & Japan.

M.S. "SIRDHANA" (Apar Line) due 23rd Jan. from Japan, Shanghai & Amoy.

sails 26th Jan. for Straits, Rangoon & Calcutta.

M.S. "SHIRALA" due 9th Feb. from Japan & Amoy.

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"TJISADANE"	In port	to Japan	26th Nov. 5 p.m.	
"TASMAN"	from Amoy	to Japan	26th Nov. 5 p.m.	
"TJIBADAK"	from Macassar	to Japan	26th Nov. 5 p.m.	
"TJITALENGKA"	from Macassar	to Japan	26th Nov. 5 p.m.	

ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

Ship	From	To	Arrivals	Departures
"TJIKAMPER"	from South Africa	to South Africa	22nd Nov.	
"TEGELDERG"	from South Africa	to South Africa	22nd Nov.	
"TRUYS"	from South Africa	to South Africa	22nd Nov.	

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Ship	From	To	Arrivals	Departures
"TASMAN"	from B. Dell	to Swatow and Amoy	21st Nov.	
"TJISADANE"	from B. Dell	to Singapore	26th Nov. 5 p.m.	
"VAN RIEMSDIJK"	from B. Dell	to Straits	25th Nov.	

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Ship	From	To	Arrivals	Departures
"MARIEKERK"	from Japan	to Europe via Manila & Straits	21st Nov.	
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

LOW STANDARD OF LIVING TO CONTINUE IN WEST GERMANY

Frankfurt, November 17.

Germany will have a low standard of living for a long time, General Sir Brian Robertson, British Military Governor, said today.

General Robertson criticised German mishandling of food, finance and other governmental problems confronting Western Germany.

Condemning the German official juggling of crucial issues and its results, he used phrases like "ugly business," "very unsatisfactory," "very dangerous," "not encouraging," "I should like to see some faster progress."

An economic comeback brought about by currency reform does not justify rosy dreams about softening in Germany, General Robertson said.

He said: "It is not to be expected that the standard of living of the German people will suddenly rise to a level such as that which they enjoyed before the war. That is not possible. Germany will have to be content with much more of a modest standard of living for a long time to come."

London Stock Exchange

London, November 17.

Prices today moved higher under the influence of buying for the new account.

Trading, however, never reached large proportions but was sufficient for the consolidation of many small improvements.

Industrialist to benefit included textiles, electrical equipment and building.

Tobacco was highest after early firming.

The oil market displayed some irregularity but one of the leading issues was firm on small buying.

British Government stocks, forced ahead with long-dated issues in keen demand. The market continues to discuss the prospect of new Government finance in the near future.

A sharp fall in San Paulo railway was the result of some doubts as to payment of compensation for companies' unrepaid capital. Other foreign calls included earlier in afternoon.

An active market in South African development shares created useful gains in certain of these issues. Dividend payers were under the influence.

Consolidated shares were outstandingly firm on good dividend payment by the Rhodesian Selection Trust.

RECENTLY

British Consols, 2 1/2% 1961, 108 1/2

Government Loan, 2 1/2% 1961, 108 1/2

Funding Loan, 4 1/2% 1961, 108 1/2

War Loan, 3 1/2% 1952, 108 1/2

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Victory Bonds, 4 1/2% 1952, 108 1/2

INDUSTRIAL

British American Tobacco Co. 5 1/2

G.I. & Ireland 5 1/2

Imperial Chemical Ind. ord. 4 1/2

Imperial Tobacco Co. (G.I.) 5 1/2

TEA SHARES

Assam Consolidated Tea 2 1/2

Assam Frontier Tea 2 1/2

Assam Tea Company 2 1/2

Dunlop Tea Company 2 1/2

Emp. of India & Ceylon Tea Co. 10 1/2

Imperial Tea Company 2 1/2

MINE SHARES

Burns Corp. 5 1/2

Crown Mines 3 1/2

Nandynagar Mines 1 1/2

Rand Mines 5 1/2

Spring Mines 4 1/2

Sub Nigel 4 1/2

Tavoy Tin Co. 1 1/2

Union Corporation 20 1/2

016 SHARES

Royal Dutch Co. 2 1/2

Shell Transport & Trading Co. 4 1/2

SHIPPING

P. & O. Steam Nav. Co. ord. 5 1/2

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National War Bonds, 2 1/2 108 1/2

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He listed these poor performances by German officials as retarding Britain's economic and political progress:

1. Failure to end hoarding and profiteering in consumers' goods — "an ugly business."

2. The sloppy and inefficient collection of food. He warned that if German collections fall short, it will be useless to cry for further imports. Eight hundred and thirty million dollars set aside for food imports for the Bizonal area will have been spent and no more money will be forthcoming.

He pointed out that the present collection trends are "not encouraging." He mentioned that grain collections are lower than last year's by 13 per cent although the crop was larger and the prices went up 18 per cent.

3. The wild granting of credit for short-term loans. "Credit is given too freely and without proper discrimination as to the purposes for which it is used."

The faulty financial administration at all levels of the Government.

"Public budgets at all levels in the Laender (states) give me the impression that deficits of a dangerous magnitude must be expected unless drastic measures are to be applied very quickly. Surplus and unnecessary staffs must be cut down, tax receipts must be collected with firmness, expenditure must be pruned."

5. The delay in setting up an efficient Trizonal customs control. As a result, smuggling flourishes, and the position on the frontier is "very unsatisfactory. A good

Planned Economy Needed

Washington, November 17.

Mr. Tom Williams, Britain's Minister for Agriculture, today urged global stabilisation of food and farm prices to combat world hunger.

Speaking at the fourth annual conference of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation, Mr. Williams told delegates that a form of planned economy on an international scale is now needed.

"In the past century," he said, "we largely relied on a free functioning price mechanism to equate supplies with effective demand."

"Now all this is largely inoperative. A large element of planning has necessarily entered the world system."

The British Minister said that while there can be no "master plan" with a "specific production and stabilisation" programme, progress can be made through broad-scale co-operative agreements.

Associated Press.

SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

London: Silver, Spot, fine ounce 45d Forward 45d; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce 172/3.

New York: Silver, Bar, (asked price) 74 1/2; Gold, per fine ounce (official) 335.

Bombay: Silver: Ready, per 100 tolas Rupees 175, Annas 02; Forward 175, 02; Marwar (unofficial) 175, 03; Gold: delivered, per tola 113, 05; Forward (unofficial) 113, 05; Sovereign, 75, 00. (One tola is equal to 1/16 of an ounce.)

Bangkok: Gold, Bar, half-weight of 15244 grammes unquoted. Exchange Rate (Selling) Bangkok on New York T.T. 10/70, London 00/00, Hong Kong 3/75.

Paris: Free Market Rates: Napoleons 5,025; Francs 10, francs 10, 2,770; Swiss francs 5,625; Union-Latin 5,425; Sovereign 7,150; Half Sovereign 3,580; U.S. \$ 20 Coin 28,400; U.S. \$ 10 Coin 14,000; Sovereign (in free U.S. \$ per ounce) \$39.8; U.S. Dollar notes (in black market) 470.

Ingots: Fine Gold: Ingots, with delivery of counterpart per gramme 234/244; Fine: Without counterpart 740/780; Silver: Ingots, per kilo 6,800/7,400; Platinum: Ingots, per kilo 600,000/650,000. — Reuters.

Money Market

Gold Yuan dropped yesterday to 23 1/2 cents in Hong Kong. For Canton and Shanghai remittances the rates were 18 cents and 10 cents respectively.

Gold also dropped. Opening at HK\$301.75, it fell to HK\$298.50 at the highest point, and then relapsed to HK\$298.50 at the close.

U.S. dollars followed suit and went down to HK\$30.20. TT dropped to HK\$23.

Pistats opened at HK\$79.75 and closed at HK\$80.00.

Trials were easier at HK\$20.20.

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MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

ARRIVALS FROM	on/for about	Nov.
S.S. "MANDO"	Europe via Saigon	22nd
S.S. "ST. MICHEL"	Haiphong via Hongkong	27th
S.S. "CHAMPOLLION"	Europe via Saigon	28th
S.S. "GRONLAND"	Europe via Saigon	29th
SAILING TO	on/for about	Nov.
S.S. "ST. MICHEL"	Haiphong via Hongkong	22nd
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"SHENKING"	Shanghai, Fuzhou	4 p.m. 19th
"HANYANG"	Shanghai, Fuzhou	10 a.m. 20th
"FENGCHEN"	Singapore, Hongkong	3 p.m. 23rd
"TOYANG"	Yokohama & Kobe	4 p.m. 25th
"HUNAN"	Inchon & Fusan	27th Nov.
"NEWCHANG"	Singapore, Hongkong	4 p.m. 28th
"SINKIANG"	Singapore, Palembang	4 p.m. 30th

ARRIVALS FROM	on/for about	Nov.
"HANYANG"	Shanghai & Swatow	10 a.m. 21st
"FENGCHEN"	Tientsin, Inchon	4 p.m. 23rd
"HUNAN"	Singapore, Hongkong	23rd Nov.
"SHENKING"	Shanghai & Keelung	7 a.m. 27th
"HURK"	Tientsin, Fusan	20th Nov.

RIVER SERVICE	on/for about	Nov.
"KATSHAN"	Sails for Canton 10 p.m.	19th
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"EUREMEDON"	in port	2nd Dec.

Sailings to	on/for about	Nov.
"ASTYANAX"	Nagoya, Shimizu, Yokohama & Kobe	20th Nov.
"SARFEDON"	Liverpool & Glasgow via Port Said	20th Nov.

NEW YORK SERVICE	on/for about	Nov.
"AGAMEMNON"	U.S.A. via Manila	24th Nov.
"RIEXENOR"	U.S.A. via Manila & Shanghai	21st Dec.

Sailings to	on/for about	Nov.
"AGAMEMNON"	U.S.A. Atlantic & Gulf Ports via Straits & Suez	4th Dec.

Sailings to	on/for about	Nov.
"SHANSI"	Sandakan, Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane	20th Nov.
"CHANGTE"	Sydney	1st Dec.

Arrivals from	on/for about	Nov.
"CHANGTE"	Japan	20th Nov.
"SOCHOW"	Australia & Manila	about 21st
"PRODUCE"	Australia	about 21st

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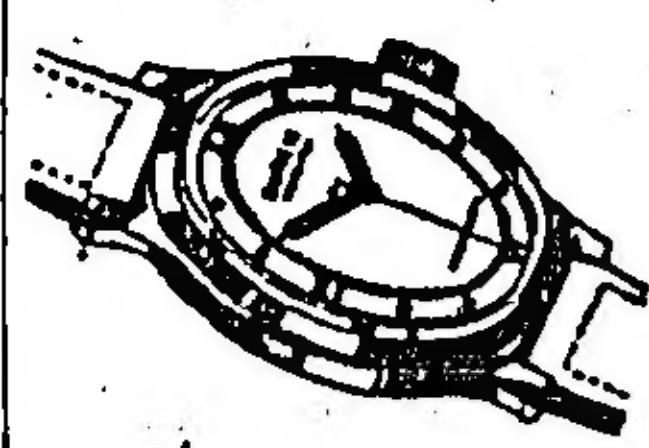
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Japan Faces New Govt Crisis

Tokyo, November 18. Japan today faced a new political crisis, which American observers here believed would wreck the Government, over a statement by Mr. Shigeru Yoshida, the Prime Minister, urging members of his party to disregard statements by General Courtney Whitney, chief of the Government Section at Supreme Allied Headquarters.

According to the paper Daiichi Shimbun, Mr. Yoshida, who took office at the head of a Democratic Labour Government after the recent bribery scandal, said: "I wish party members to endeavour to achieve our original objective by trusting General MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander, and we without being misled by foreign propaganda or statements by General Whitney."

He added that there was no change in the Government's established policy of dissolving Parliament after the passage of the Public Service Law banning strikes sponsored by General MacArthur and related laws, American observers here said.

American observers here said the Prime Minister's statement, which other members of the Democratic Labour Party confirmed at a party meeting, was certain to be regarded by the occupation authorities as inimical to the occupation.

General Whitney, who is General MacArthur's closest adviser, had made no secret of his hostility to Mr. Yoshida. His Government Section has been the source of several foreign stories that the Government is not because it has no majority in the present Diet, was unconstitutional.—Reuter.

U.S. Private Rescues Trapped Japs

Sandal, November 18. A former Pennsylvania coal miner, US Army private Salvatore Forte of Habor, Pennsylvania, has rescued four trapped Japanese coal miners after more than a week's work to drive a 90-foot shaft to them.

Eighth Army officials here announced that four Japanese coal miners trapped in a cave since November 8 at Yoshioka were rescued alive this morning.

The announcement said, "They were rushed to a Japanese hospital where they are expected to live."

The Army said that Private Forte worked with a crew of Japanese miners to drive a 90-foot shaft to the rescue.

Forte had borrowed two air hammers and other equipment from the United States Army 83rd Engineer construction outfit.

Three days ago all hope for the trapped Japanese miners was abandoned but Forte refused to give up. He continued his efforts to get them.

Yoshioka is 15 miles North of Sandai.—United Press.

Arms For China To Be Picketed

Vancouver, B.C., November 17.

Student clubs at the University of British Columbia today voted to picket the 35 Island-side, which is loading arms and munitions for China.

Left Wing student clubs made the picket decision at separate meetings in Vancouver today.

The Island-side is loading 80 twin-engine Mosquito bombers, explosive components and military supplies for China's Nationalist forces. It is to leave for Shanghai when loading is completed, probably by the end of the week.

The students, who staged a similar display last year when the steamship Collins loaded arms for China, said picketing would start tomorrow.—United Press.

KASENKINA WELL

New York, November 18.

Mrs. Oleksandra Kaseknina, 55-year-old Russian school teacher who leaped from a third story window of the Soviet consulate here three months ago because she wanted to escape, will leave hospital tomorrow.—Reuter.

With three wickets in hand, the Malayan Combined Services were 116 runs behind the Hong Kong Services at the close of play in their cricket game at Chater Road yesterday. The game will be continued today at 11 a.m.

Hong Kong Services batted first and compiled 195 runs. Major Murray Brown opened the innings and contributed a very useful 30 runs. W/Cdr. Pantou batted brilliantly for 60 runs and when the local side were all out he was still undefeated.

Parham, the Malayan Services fast bowler, had only three overs and was taken off owing to injury. As the result, the Malayan

Services attack was less formidable than before. Syrett was the most successful bowler, taking four wickets for 55 runs. Against the steady bowling of Stepto, Gambrell and Banton the Malayan Services lost seven wickets for 79 runs.

HK Combined Services	
Major L. B. Murray Brown, c. Steele, b. Syrett	30
F/O. M. D. Marshall, c. Lloyd, b. Syrett	3
Lt. Cmdr. G. W. Vivian, b. Leggett	17
A/C. J. C. Beirne, c. Lee, b. Lloyd	1
Major A. R. Dawe, c. Lee, b. Syrett	1
Major A. E. G. Haig, lbw, b. Syrett	10
W/Cdr. A. D. Pantou, not out	60
Gnr. D. Banton, c. Robinson, b. Steele	10
Lt. A. Stepto, run out	6
F/Officer Gambrell, b. Kenyon	1
Cpl. Hodgson, c. Lee, b. Steele	10
Extras	25
Total	185

Tennis Results

Results of yesterday's tennis at the Ladies Recreation Club: Club Ladies' Doubles Mrs. Shewan and Mrs. Stroobach beat Mrs. Bradley and Miss Lambert 7-5, 6-3.

TODAY'S GAMES Ladies' Handicap Singles (9.30 a.m.) Mrs. Prophy v Mrs. Campbell, Club Mixed Doubles (4.30 p.m.) Mr. K. Standoff and Mrs. Linton v Mr. P. Bonnerman and Mrs. Getz.

In the only game played at the Chinese Recreation Club, Mr. Wong Shiu-wing beat Mr. Chey Tin-wah 7-5, 6-2 in the Colony Singles of the Harcourt Tournament.

Cricket Line-Ups

The following have been chosen to represent Hong Kong Cricket Club in a First Division cricket match against Royal Navy at Happy Valley tomorrow, play commencing at 1.45 p.m. G. A. Souza, G. Hoang Choy, S. Rutherford, P. J. Billington, T. Cranberry, R. Tay, A. H. Ismail, B. O. Baker, D. Leonard, J. I. Youngs and S. Leonard.

The following have been selected to represent the Club de Reccol de XI in a League cricket match against Kowloon Cricket Club on the latter's ground. Play will commence at 1.45 p.m. E. A. R. C. Gutierrez, A. A. Gutierrez, D. E. Remedios, A. Osmund, C. M. L. Soares, L. A. Luz, D. M. Rodrigues, A. V. Lopes, L. Vieira and E. M. Rosario, 12th man.

Scotland XI Beat Ireland 3 To 2

Glasgow, November 17.

Scotland scored a magnificent victory by three goals to two over Ireland at Hampden Park this afternoon after being two goals behind after five minutes' play.

Ireland had a gaily bedecked four-figure crowd of supporters who made their presence heard in the midst of a gathering of over 80,000 on-lookers, particularly after that opening five minutes.

Almost directly from the kick-off, D. Walsh chased a long clearance from his own end and when Young tried to pass back to the Scottish goalkeeper, Brown, who had taken Cowan's place, Walsh nipped in and forced the ball out of Brown's hands across the line.

Then a low cross shot from Cochrane was seized by Walsh who sent home for Ireland's second goal.

For a time Scotland were out of their stride, yet rallied and for a long while Ireland were never out of their own half.

Scotland deservedly scored after 30 minutes when Houllston took a pass from Evans to score with terrific force, Smith in goal tipping the ball on to the underside of the bar.

With any luck, Scotland would have been level before half time when Ireland held a lead of two goals to one.

Winning Goal Just On Time Ireland were dangerous through Walsh and Doherty early in the second half but at the other end Smyth in the Irish goal almost gave Scotland an equaliser when he dropped the ball from a wing pass and was almost bundled into the net with the ball.

Two corners led to scrammages in the Irish goal and the famous Hampden roar from the huge crowd urged Scotland on. An

HOCKEY RESULTS

Results of Hong Kong Hockey Association fixtures played on Wednesday:

Army	5	RAF	0
Police	2	Navy	2

Swinton O. Australian 21.—Reuter.

P & O INTERIM DIVIDEND

London, November 17. The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company announced a second interim dividend of eight per cent less tax on deferred shares. An interim dividend of four per cent had already been paid.

The 1947 interim dividend of four per cent was followed by a final and bonus of four per cent.—Reuter.

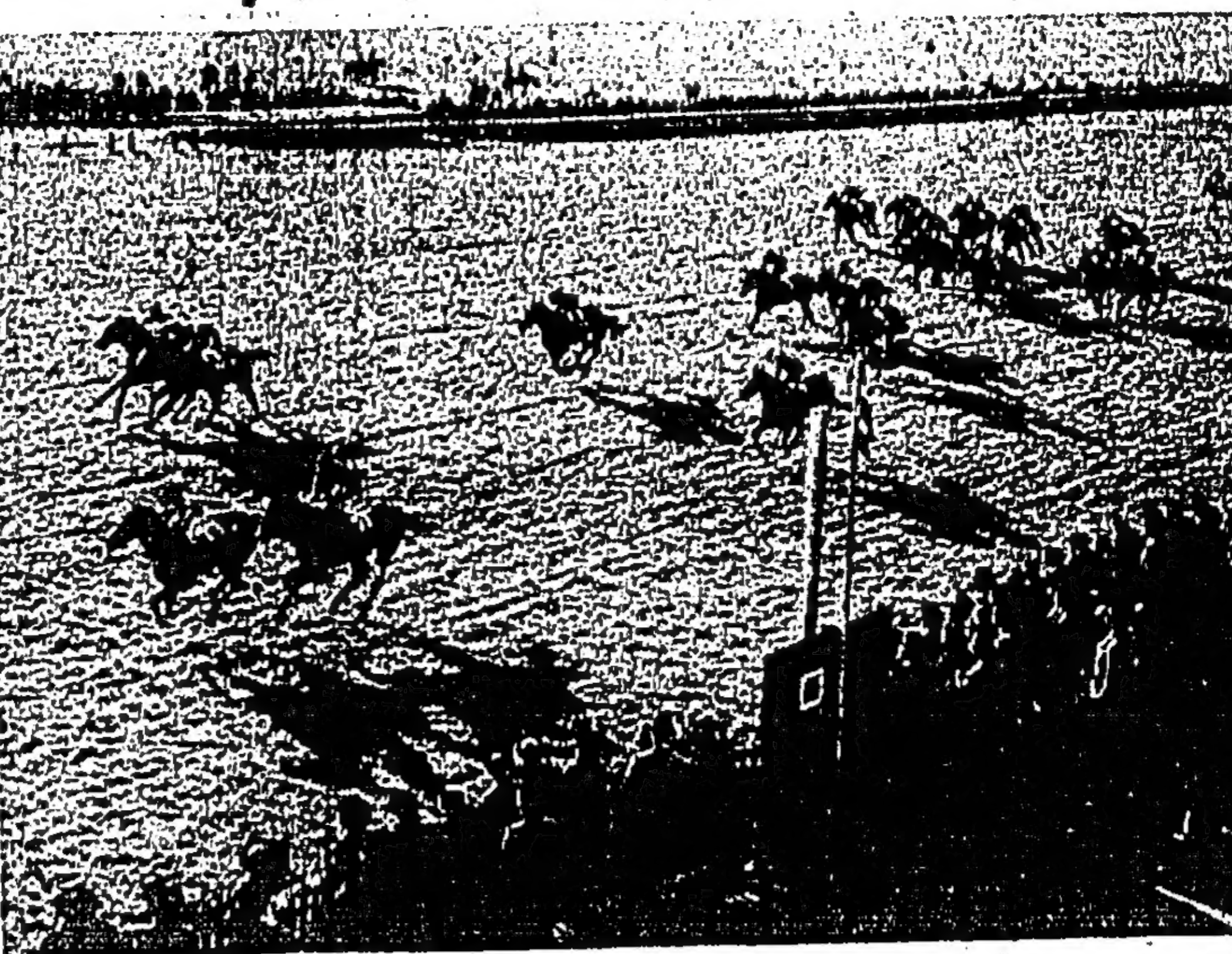
HOME RUGBY

London, November 17. Rugby results: Rugby Union County Championship: Middlesex 3 Surrey 3, Berkshire 23 Sussex 3, Eastern Counties 10, Oxfordshire 3.

Rugby Union Club matches: Cambridge University 14 Guy's Hospital 8, Devon 8 Royal Navy 11.

Rugby League, Australian tour: Swinton O. Australian 21.—Reuter.

Sterope Wins In Sunshine



Malaya Formidable Challenge For Cup

Copenhagen, November 18.

Malaya presents the most formidable challenge outside the European nations to Denmark's badminton supremacy.

This is the view of Danish badminton circles, and Denmark's team for the Thomas Cup is expected to be reshuffled shortly.

The Thomas Cup is the Davis Cup of the badminton world. Denmark is expected to win the European Zone final, and will meet Malaya, winners of the Pacific Zone in the challenge round.

The reshuffle of the Danish team follows the sensational defeat in a tournament of some of Denmark's top players, and Malaya will face a far stronger Danish side than that which beat Ireland earlier this month.

In the championships held at one of the country's biggest badminton clubs all players in the match against Ireland were defeated. Equally surprising results have emerged from other clubs.

As a result of these upheavals, at least two changes are expected in the Thomas Cup team to meet Sweden in the second round.

However, the final outcome depends on the Copenhagen championships, which are being held from November 21 to December 1.

Youthful Find

Denmark's 26,000 badminton fans are talking about the way in which an unknown Copenhagen clerk, 19-year-old Mogens Koelle, defeated with apparent ease two of the biggest names in the game—the international stars, George Fredriksson and Joergen Skarup.

The five top men in Denmark are now unofficially listed as Joern Skarup, Poul Holm, Mogens Koelle, Preben Dabelsteen and Boerge Frederiksen.

It is thought that these players will form the team to meet Sweden, Denmark's main rival in the European Zone. The tie was due to be held at Malmo, Sweden, on December 8 and 10 but, dismayed at the poor interest shown in the recent Sweden-Ireland international match, the Swedish Badminton Association asked the Danish Association to arrange the game in Copenhagen.—Reuter.

French Plan For Ruhr London, November 17. It is learned from a usually well informed source that M. Herve Alphand, chief French delegate to the six-power London Conference on the Ruhr, today put before the British and American delegates a French plan for the international management of the Ruhr industries.

This plan, which is believed to contain far-reaching proposals has not yet been discussed by the Conference, and will, it is thought, require the closest study by the British and United States Governments.

It is likely that it may prove one of the most controversial issues of the Conference when it comes up for formal consideration.—Reuter.

French Champion In Boxing Final Brussels, November 17. Stephans Olek, the French champion, reached the final of the international professional heavy-weight boxing tournament tonight when he knocked out Paco Bueno, champion of Spain, in the first round of their semi-final fight.

A crowd of 3,000 saw Olek, who is the favourite for the event, attack from the start of the going, landing heavily with a series of lefts and rights.

The fight was only two minutes 45 seconds old when a short left upper cut sent the Spaniard crashing to the canvas for the count and he had to be carried from the ring by his seconds.

Olek will meet Aaron Wilton, of the United States, in the final of the tournament in Brussels on December 4.

In the other semi-final bout, Wilson knocked out Kurt Schlegel, of Austria, in the third round.

The Austrian had the better of the fight in the first two rounds against the aggressive young Negro boxer, who has been campaigning in Europe since he was conscripted from the United States Army in 1946.

Schlegel, outboxed Wilson in the early rounds, displaying beautiful footwork and classical punching, but, out of a clinch in the third round, he dropped his guard for

Sterope, ridden by apprentice jockey Schaffeld, dominates this sunlit picture of the finish of the nine-furlong Cambridge-shire Stakes at Newmarket. Royal Tara, nearest to the camera, ridden by Charlie Sharke, was second, and Impeccable and Patchouly took third place in a dead-heat. The winner is owned by Mr. J. B. Townley.—AP Photo.

Rowdiness On Soccer Pitch

Luton, November 17.

Apples, oranges and other missiles were thrown at the police during half-time in the Luton Town versus Bury football match on November 16, it was stated at Luton today when Raymond Kenneth Lee, aged 25, of Luton, pleaded not guilty to refusing to leave the pitch and to causing a breach of the peace.

The incident was said to have begun when Lee went on the pitch at half time. He ignored the police request to leave and while he was being carried off by four officers the crowd became incensed and threw apples, oranges and other missiles at the officers.

The hearing was adjourned until Tuesday of next week for Lee's counsel to call nine witnesses for the defence.—Reuter.

RUGBY XV's

The following will represent Club vs. Royal Navy at Soakunpoo at 4.15 p.m. tomorrow: F. Cessford, R. Do Rome, D. Henderson, H. Chevreau, J. Robinson, D. G. Lochlan, I. V. Carrel, N. L. Moffat, H. M. G. Forgate, E. Brown, T. Bowman, J. H. Waino, A. Taylor, J. Small, J. R. Henderson.

The following will represent Club "A" XV vs. HMS Sussex XV on Navy Ground, Happy Valley at 5.15 p.m. tomorrow: I. Mackie, W. C. Allwright, J. Jaidlaw, P. Franklin, D. Orchard, D. R. Y. Black, W. R. Williamson, K. Baker, R. Wyatt, B. T. Johnston, D. W. Jones, W. G. Minto, H. C. Schieler, A. Plowden and D. Fitzroy-Williams.

Army Rugby Team Picked To Defeat RAF Police Side

(By "TOUCH JUDGE")

At the Army Ground at Soakunpoo tomorrow, the Army team, at full strength, should not have great difficulty in overcoming the RAF-HK Police team, although their forwards will certainly have to fight hard to get their share of the ball, both in the tight scrums and in the loose; this being RAF-Police side's strongest point.

The Army halves were outstanding against Navy last week, and Wright-Nooth and the remainder of the back row will have their work cut out to hold Roberts and Wilson. It is not yet known whether Pantou will be playing, but it should even things up amongst the backs if he can turn out for RAF-Police.

The Navy team at the time of writing has not been received and with the number of ships still at sea, they will be unlikely to produce a full representative team.

Nevertheless, they should give Club an extremely good fight and unless Club can improve on the form shown by their backs lately, they may even overcome them. The forwards should be very evenly matched, as it was obvious last week that on many occasions Navy packs were pushing the Army off the ball and as Club are at their best in tight scrums a fairly even battle for possession of the ball should be seen.

Still Experimenting Club are still experimenting with their side and introducing new players in Robbush on the wing, who played at one time for the Mediterranean Fleet, and Chevreau, who played for Shanghai as a forward and was outstanding in the mid-week game between Club 1st and 2nd XV's.

Lochlan comes in this week at scrum-half. J. Henderson moving to fly-half and I think this should lead to more thrust in the centre of the Club backs. It was thought that there might have been further changes amongst the Club team after the game against the 2nd XV on Wednesday night when the junior side produced some excellent football and for a time were very definitely on top of the 1st XV.

The Army v RAF-HK Police game will take place at 3.15 p.m. and the second match, Navy v Club, at 4.15 p.m.

Tamar XV Beat Sussex At Rugby The Sussex v Tamar rugby match played at Causeway Bay on Wednesday, November 17, ended in a win for Tamar, who scored one try and one penalty goal (4 points) against one try (3 points) by Sussex.

The play was dominated throughout by the forwards, who were evenly matched, and the determined rushes by them were impressive.

Outstanding for the Sussex pack were Bodman, Wall, Marling, with Dalglis's guile and tenacity at the control.

For the Tamar, Slocumbe, Workman, Wignard and McClement rolled out the bit extra required of them against such doughty opponents.

After the game, the selectors got in a huddle and the following have been selected to represent the Royal Navy XV v Club XV tomorrow, kick off at 4.15 p.m. Lt. (E) Bryant (Tamar), Sig. Flynn (Tamar), Lt. (E) Robotham (Sussex), Lt. (E) Jones (Tamar), F. C. (S) Smith (Tamar), Lt. Nicol (Sussex), Sig. Rundle (Tamar), Lt. (E) McClement (Tamar), Ord. Snn. Tirney (Sussex), Mne. Hardling (Sussex), Mne. Wall (Sussex), Comd. Dalglis (Sussex), Vco. Mathieson (Tamar), P.O. Slocumbe (Tamar), Lt. (S) Bodman (Sussex), Instr. Lt. Luxton and S.B.C.P.O. Workman (Tamar).

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